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WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL LURKS  
IN THE HEARTS OF WOMEN?

THE SHADOW KNOWS...

SHOPPING.

ARE WE  
QUITE THROUGH  
WITH THIS  
TORTURE?

SHOES, MISTER  
CRANSTON.

ONE  
SIMPLY CAN'T  
PASS BY WITHOUT  
TRYING.

IT'S THE  
**CINDERELLA  
COMPLEX** AND ALL  
OF US FAIRER SEX  
SUFFER IT.

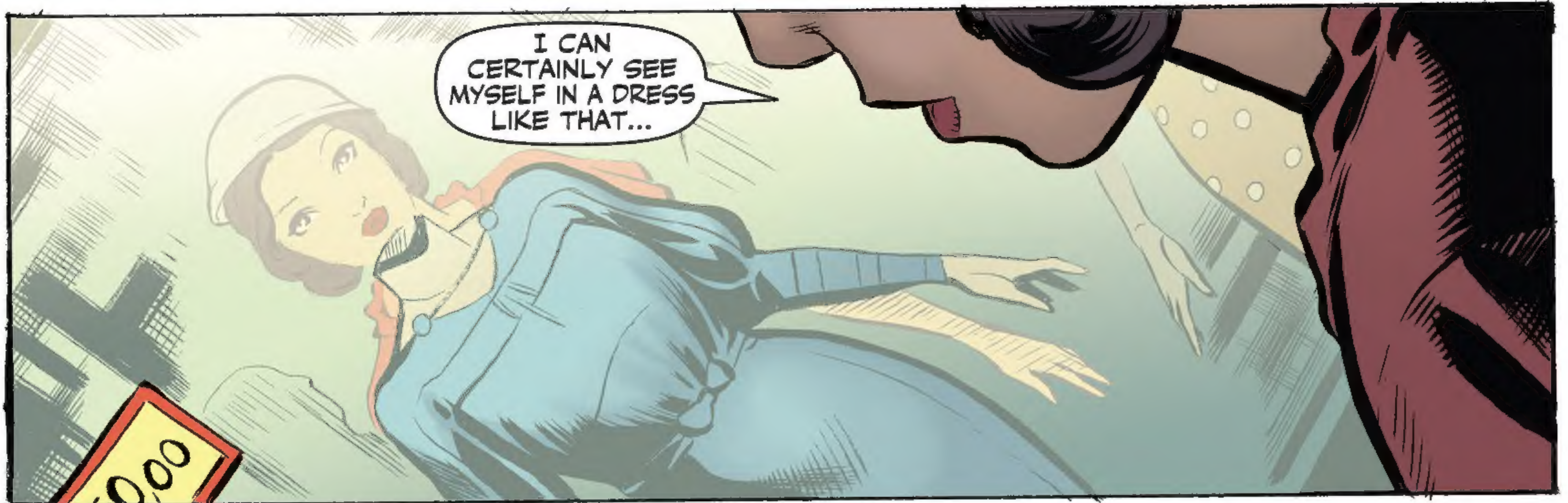
VETERANS OF A FOREIGN WAR





YOU'RE  
NO PRINCESS,  
MARGO LANE.

AND YOU'RE  
A *SHADOW* OF A  
PRINCE, LAMONT  
CRANSTON.



I CAN  
CERTAINLY SEE  
MYSELF IN A DRESS  
LIKE THAT...



CAN YOU?

I CAN SEE SO  
MANY DARK THINGS  
SINCE THE SCALES  
WERE LIFTED FROM  
MY EYES, MARGO...



LAMONT?

BUT THIS I DIDN'T  
SEE COMING...



AND THAT  
INABILITY IS MOST  
TROUBLING...









AND WHO WOULD THIS TALL DARK STRANGER BE, MISTER ALLARD?



HOWARD GRIFFIN.

WE WERE IN THE WAR TOGETHER.

I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO BE A GOOD SOLDIER.



KENT SAVED MY LIFE.

I'D BE MOULDERING IN A TRENCH SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE IF NOT FOR HIM.

AND YOU ARE--?



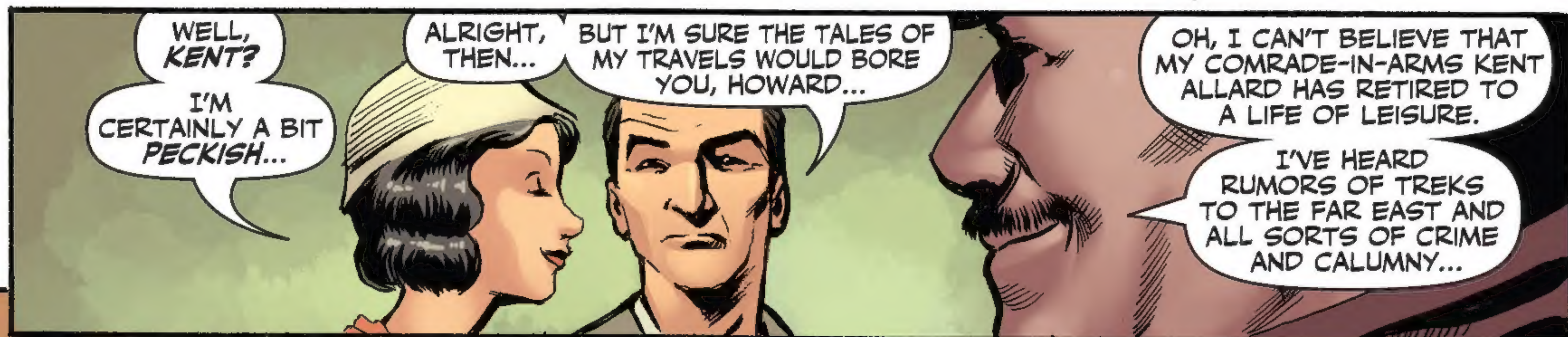
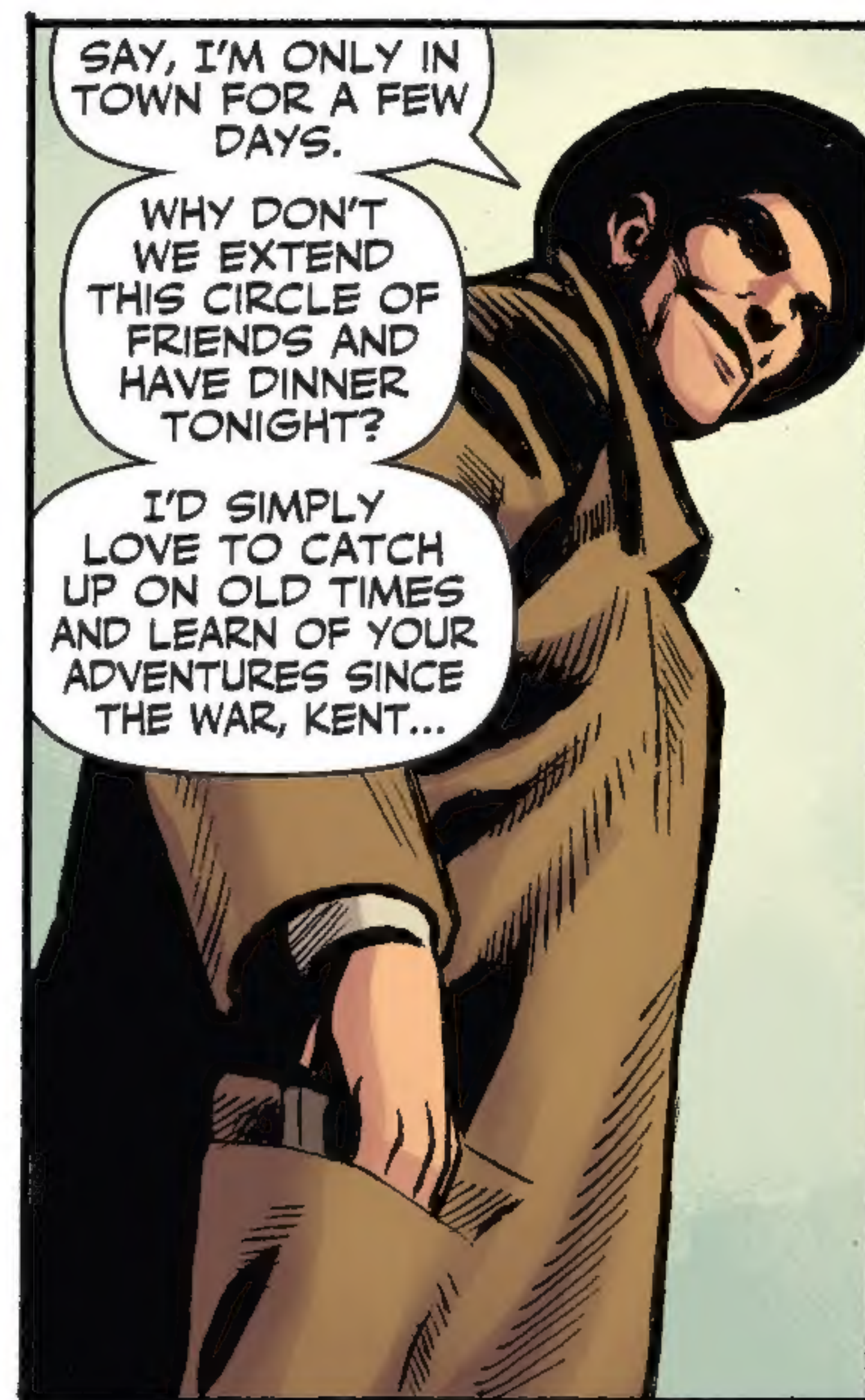
MARGO LANE.  
I'M KENT'S GOOD FRIEND...



WELL, SINCE WE'RE ALL GOOD FRIENDS, OLD AND NEW AS IT WERE--

PERHAPS YOU'D FAVOR ME WITH A LITTLE ADVICE...









NOTHING.

I SEE NOTHING IN HIM.

BEREFT OF A SOUL.

WELL, NOW I  
DEFINITELY NEED  
A NEW DRESS AND  
SHOES TO GO  
WITH IT.



WHY  
SO GLUM...  
KENT?

YOU'RE  
ENJOYING  
THIS FAR TOO  
MUCH.

IT'S RARE TO  
SEE THE *REAL*  
YOU, LAMONT  
CRANSTON.

KENT  
ALLARD IS  
DEAD.



AND HE TAUGHT  
THAT MAN BAD THINGS,  
CORRUPTING EVERYTHING  
HE TOUCHED AS WAS  
HIS WAY.

BUT HE  
SAID YOU WERE  
SOLDIERS  
TOGETHER...

FIGHTING IN  
THE WAR.

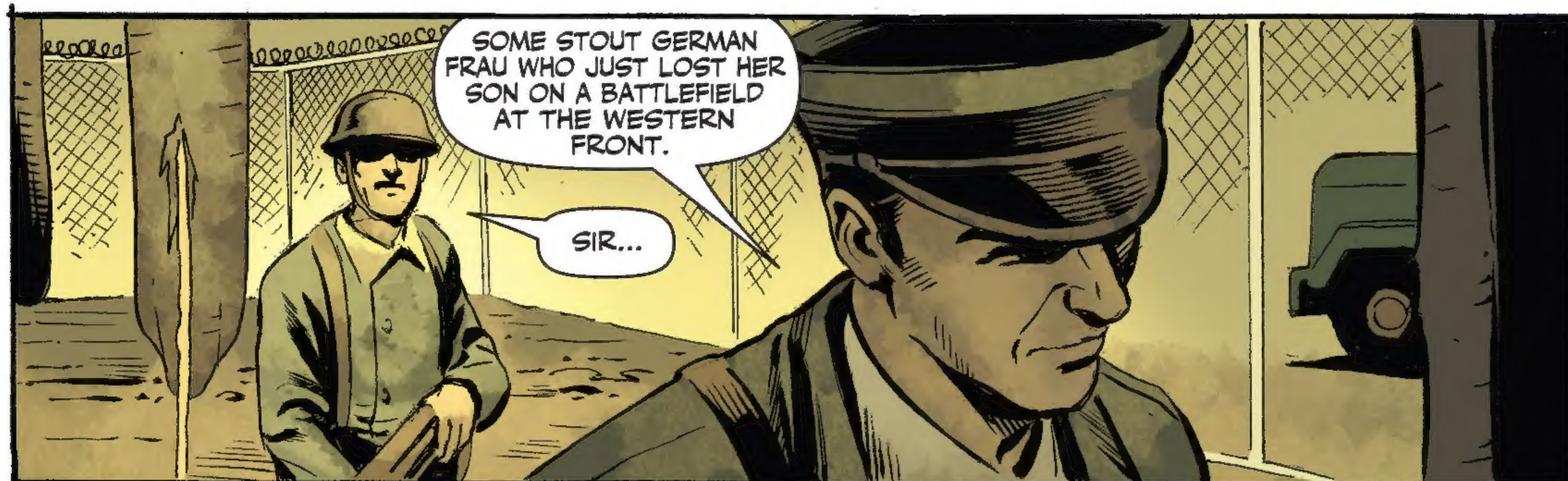


MERELY  
AN EXCUSE FOR  
MEN TO INDULGE  
THEIR DARKER  
IMPULSES ON A  
CANVAS WRIT  
LARGE...

KENT ALLARD TAUGHT  
THIS MAN HOW TO KILL...

WITH BOTH  
ECONOMY AND ZEAL.









COMRADE CRANSTON!



IS VERY NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, DA?

MISHA, MAY I HAVE A WORD?



TONIGHT, MISTER CRANSTON IS **MISTER ALLARD**.

SAY IT.

ALLARD.  
IS GAME?  
LIKE MASKS?



YOU COULD CALL IT THAT.

AND YOU ARE TO BE CALLED WHAT, MISS LANE?

OH, I'M STILL MARGO.



ONLY MISTER ALLARD GETS TO CHANGE HIS IDENTITY.

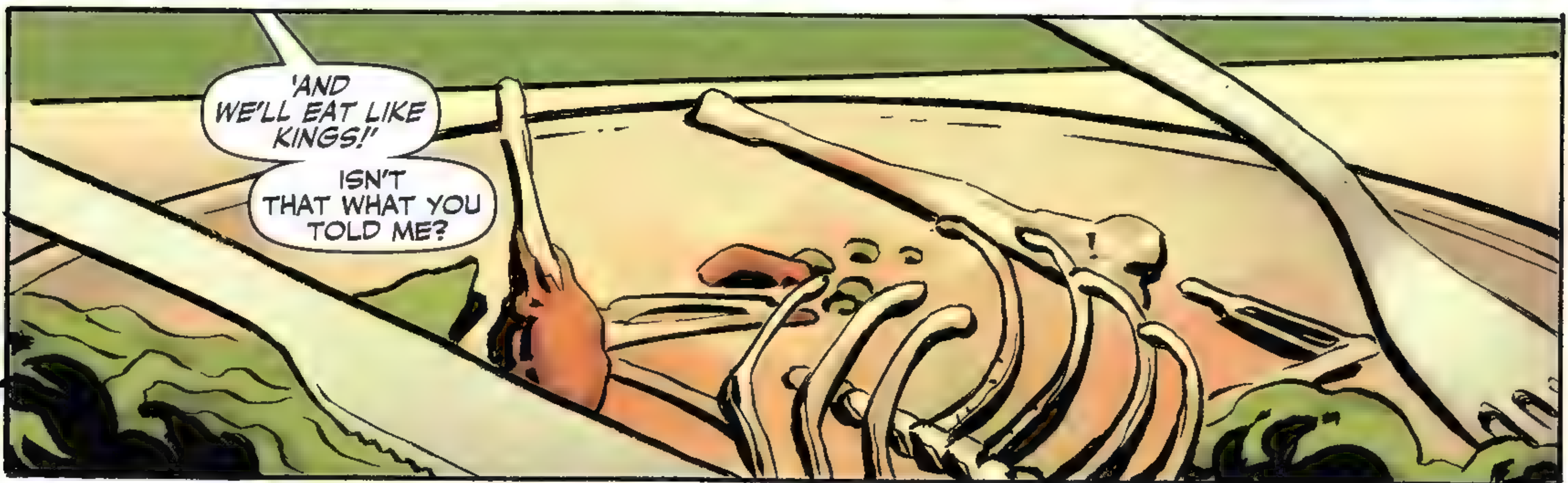
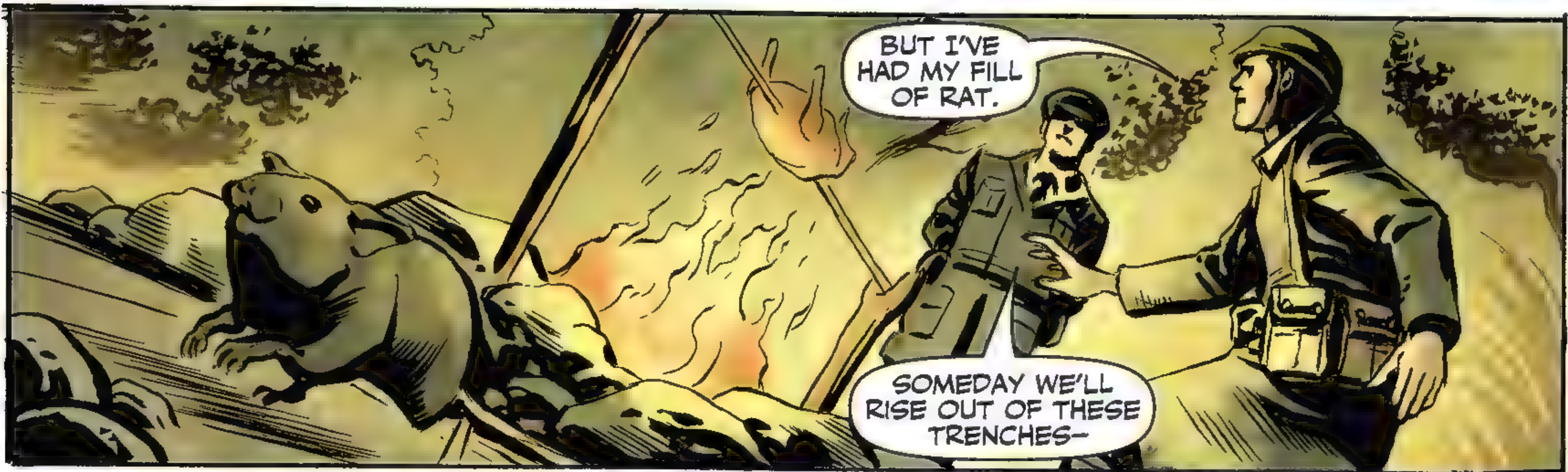
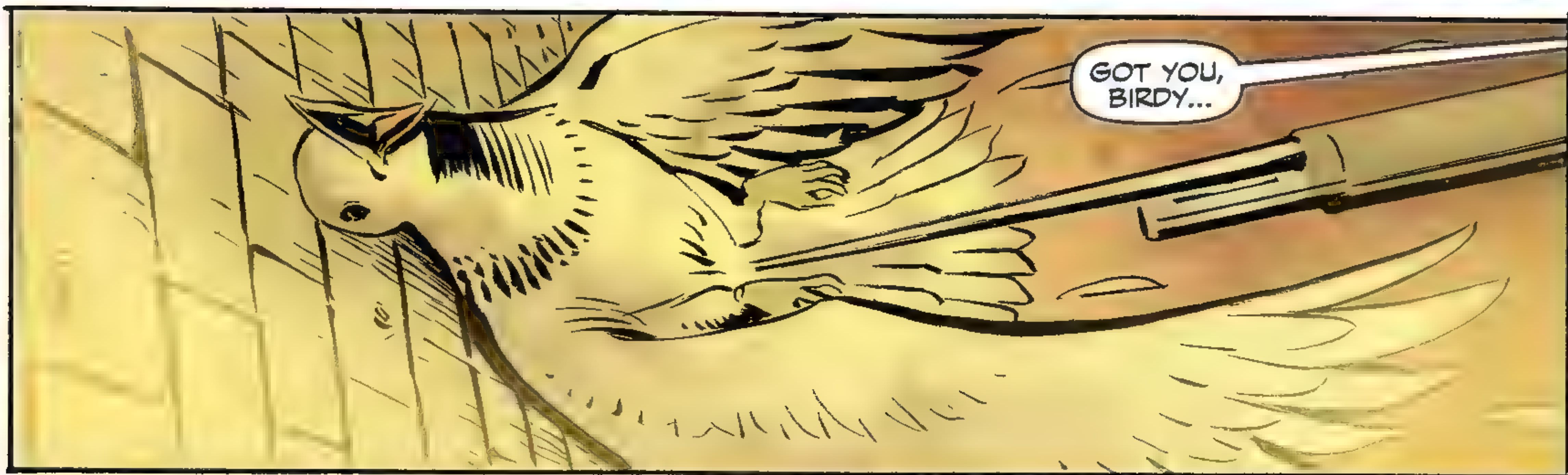
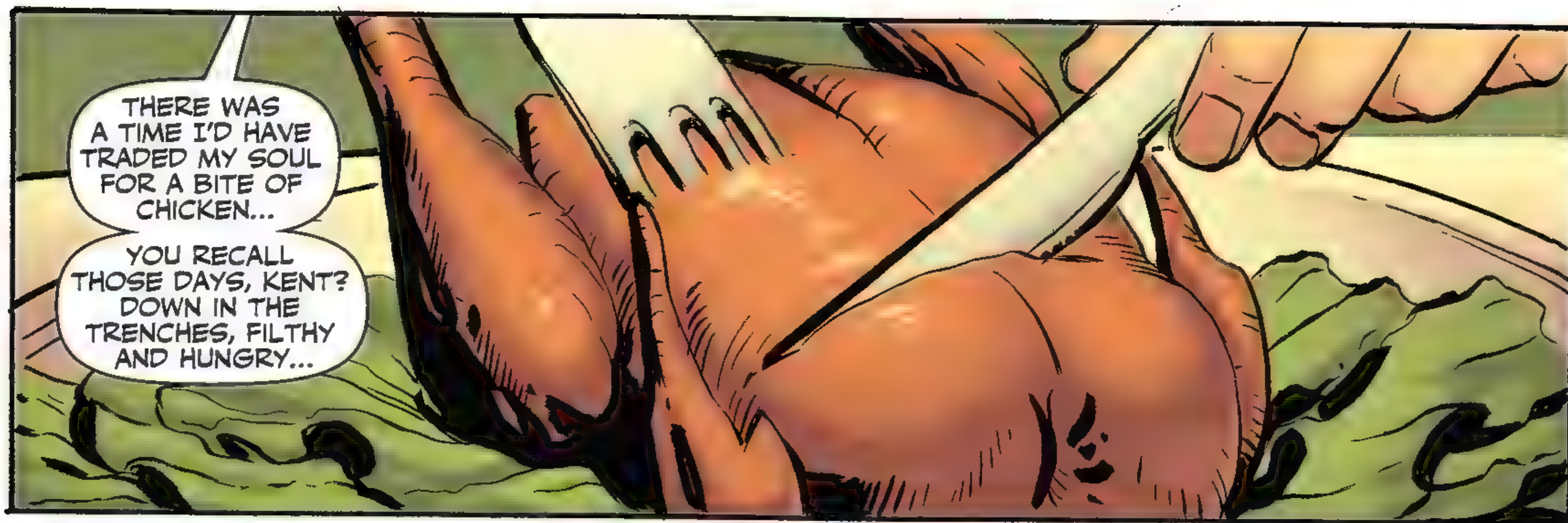
YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS FAR TOO MUCH...

BUT YET HERE YOU ARE INDULGING YOUR DEAR FRIENDS...



TO SEE WHAT I CANNOT SEE.









WAR MAKES  
FOR STRANGE  
APPETITES.

I MAY HAVE  
OVERINDULGED AS  
A RESULT.

YOU HAVEN'T  
TOUCHED YOUR  
SOUP, KENT...



I FEAR WE'LL ALL BE  
IN LINES WAITING FOR  
BREAD AND BORSHT IF  
THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE  
THEIR WAY.



I SEE OUR 'GOOD  
FRIENDS' HAVE HIT  
IT OFF...

DOUBLE THE  
SERENDIPITY! FIRST  
SPYING YOU ON A BUSY  
STREET AND NOW ALL  
OF US GETTING ALONG  
LIKE OLD FRIENDS  
SHOULD!



YOU'RE EARRINGS  
ARE BEAUTIFUL,  
EDITH...

OH,  
THESE OLD  
THINGS...

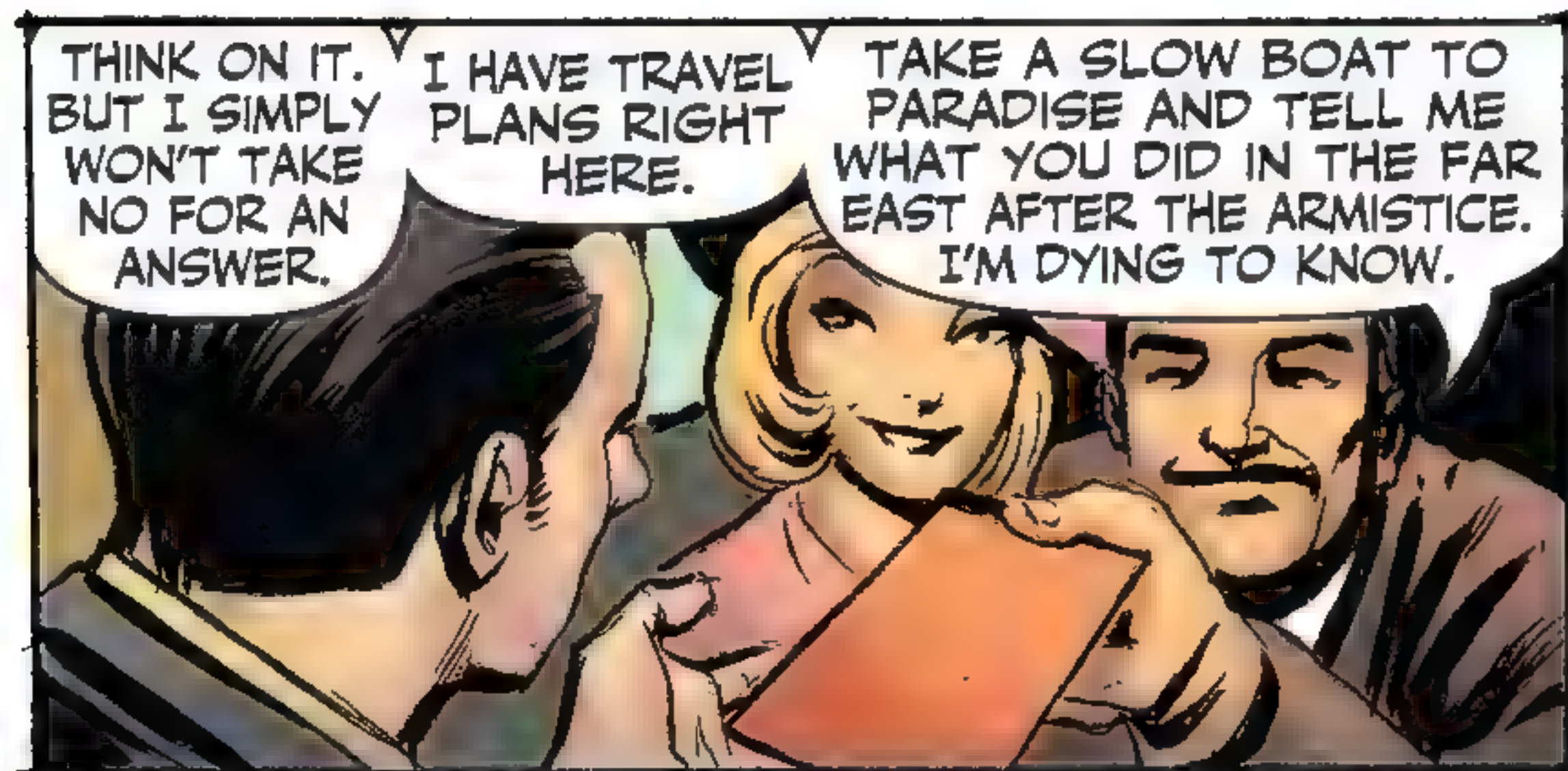
PERHAPS  
YOU'LL TRADE  
UP SOON.



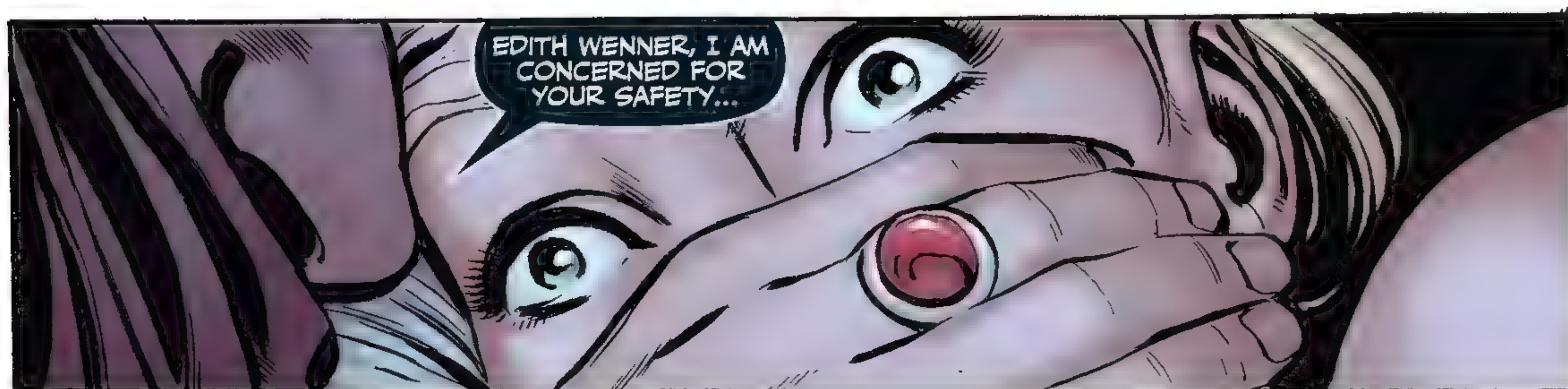
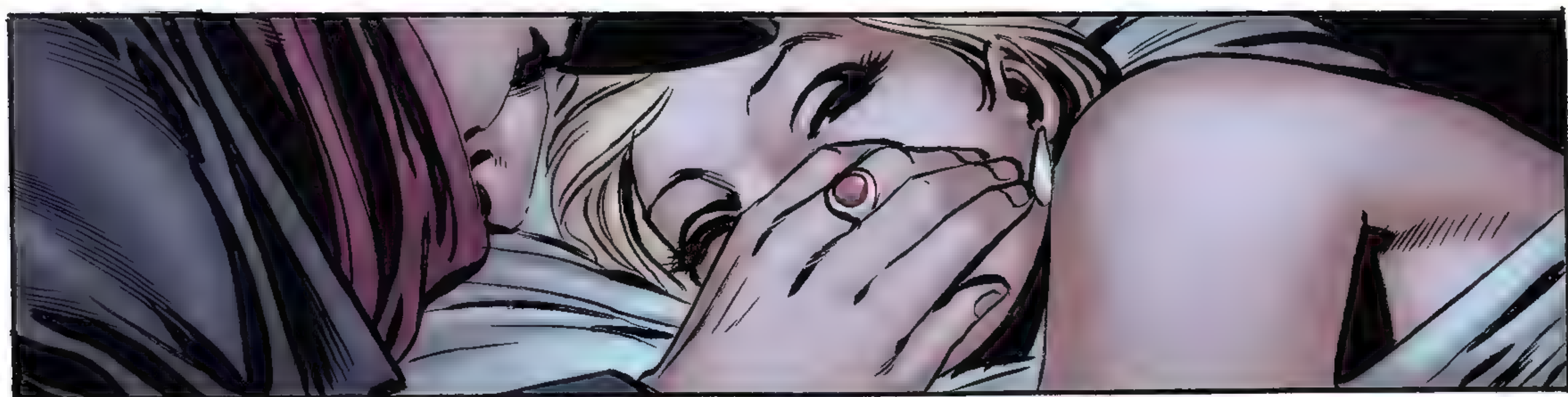
THAT'S WHAT  
IT'S ALL ABOUT,  
ISN'T IT?

IMPROVING  
ONE'S STATION IN  
THIS LIFE WITH JUST  
A TRADE?

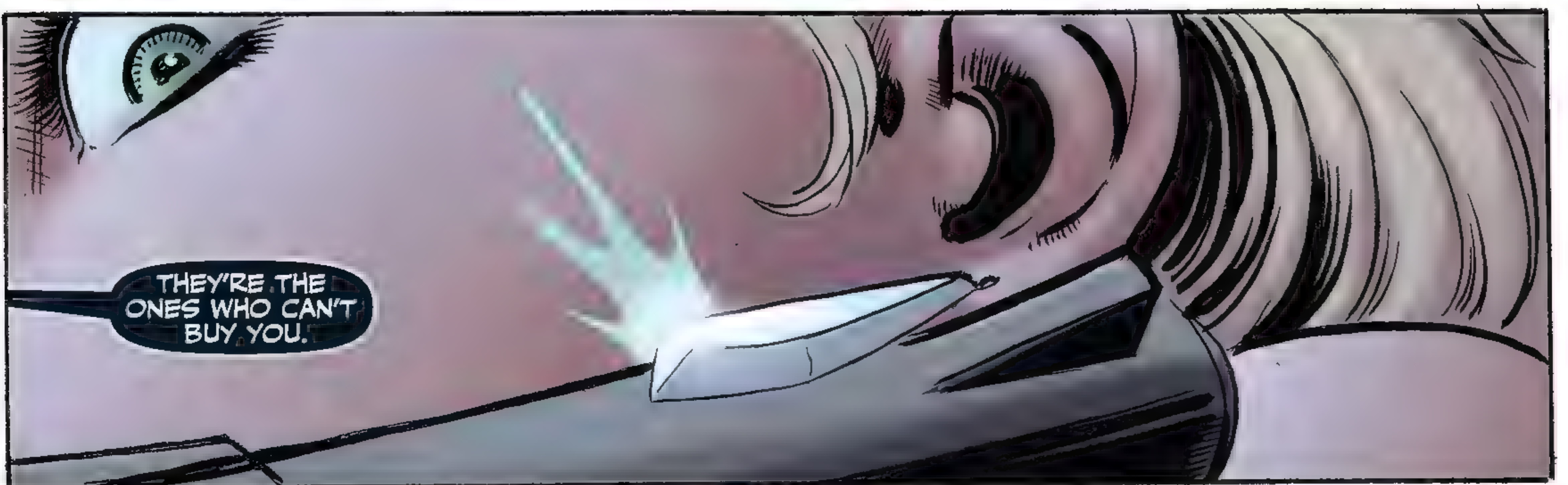




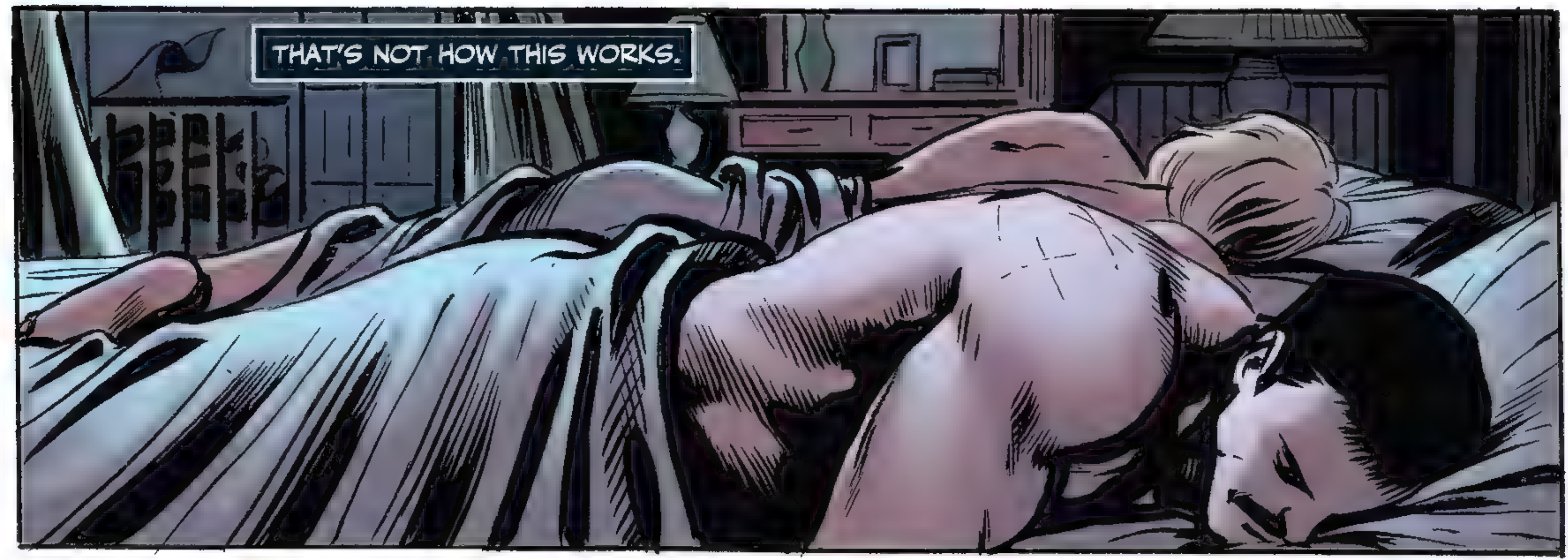




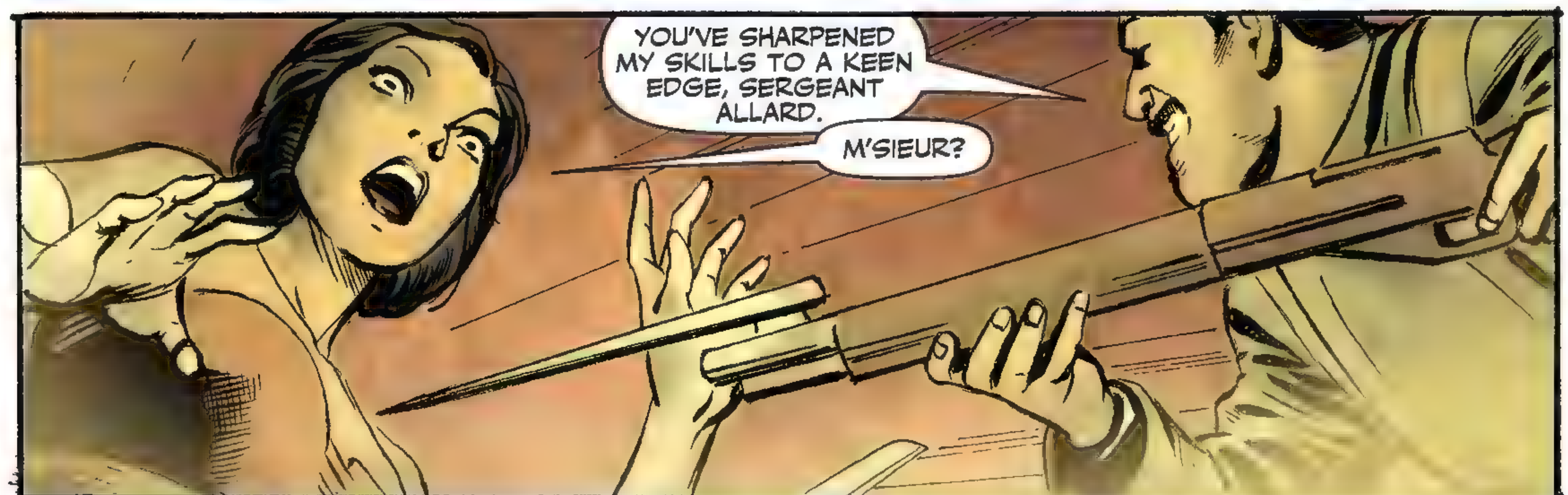
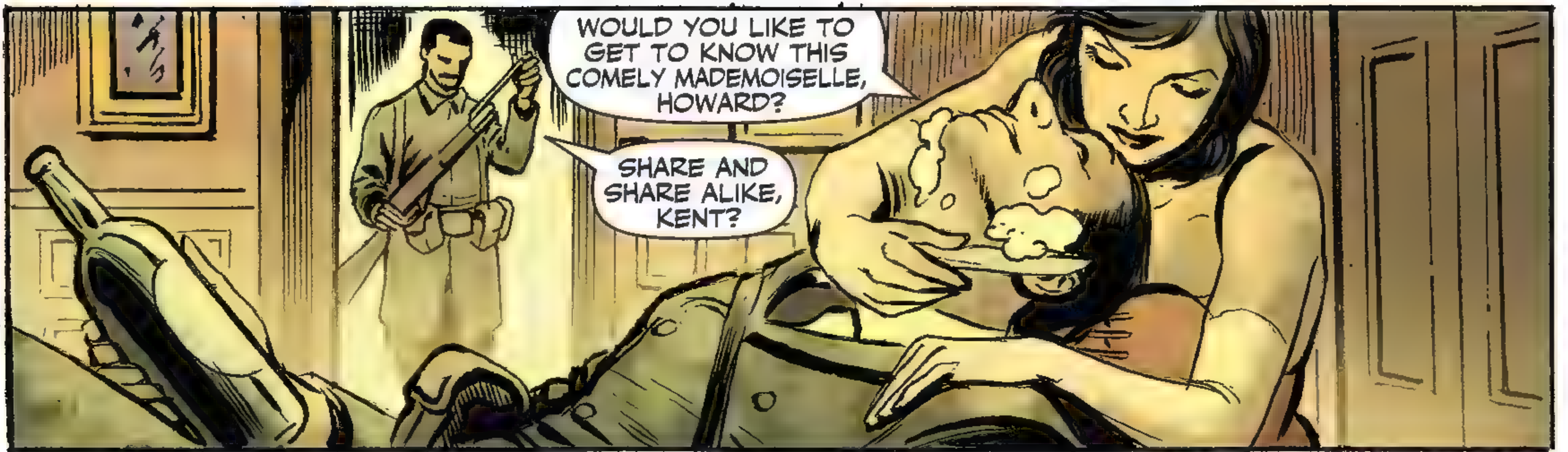




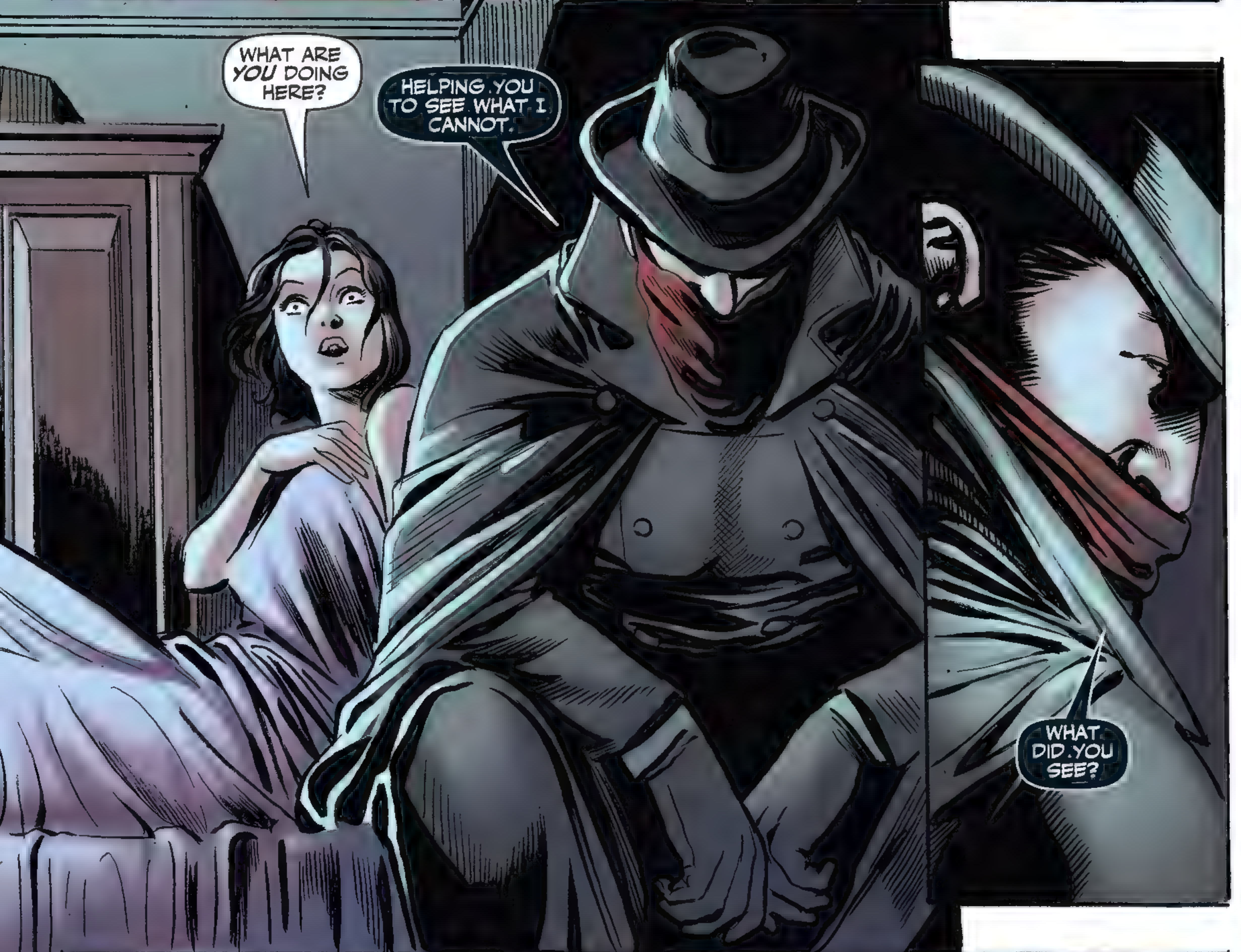
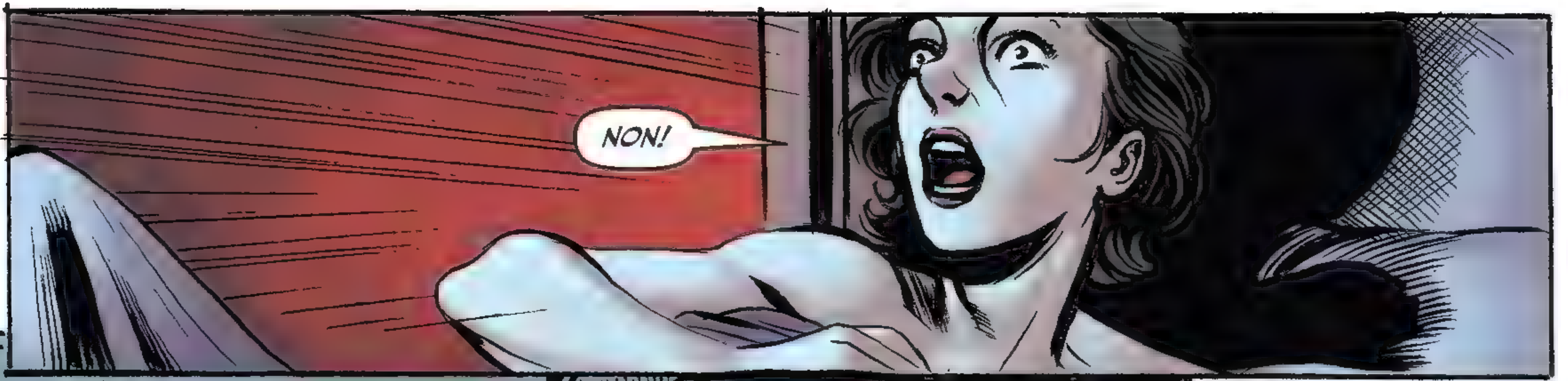




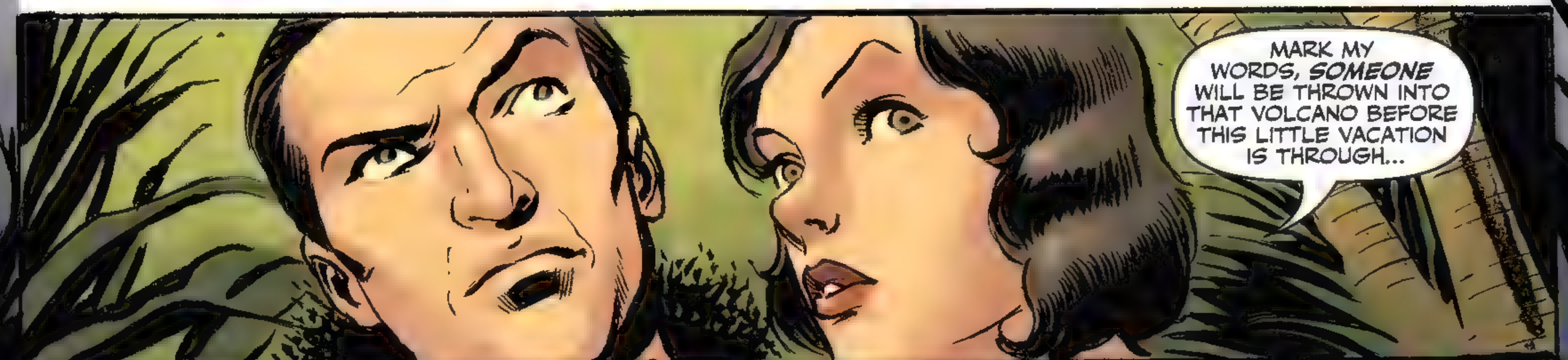
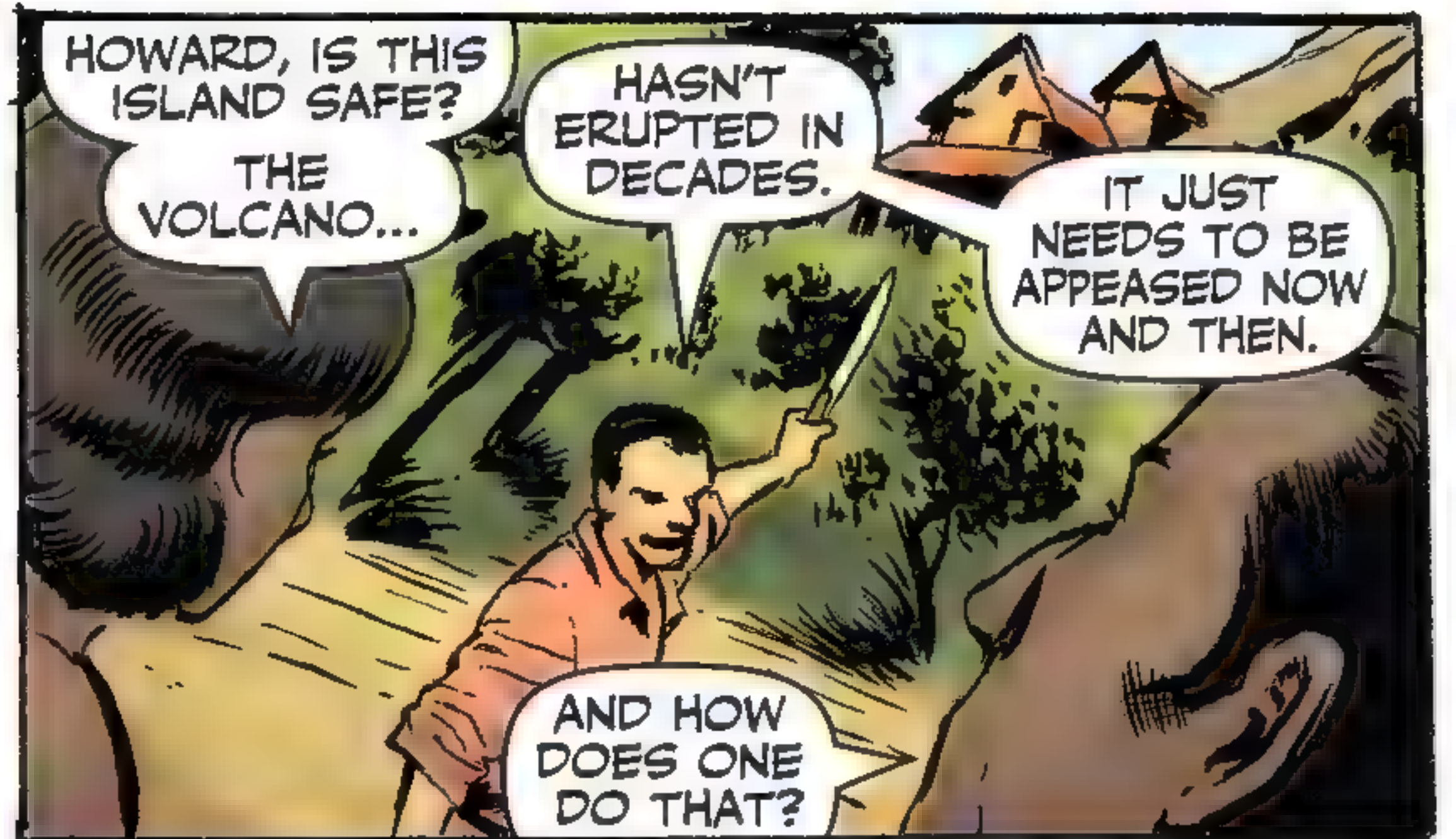
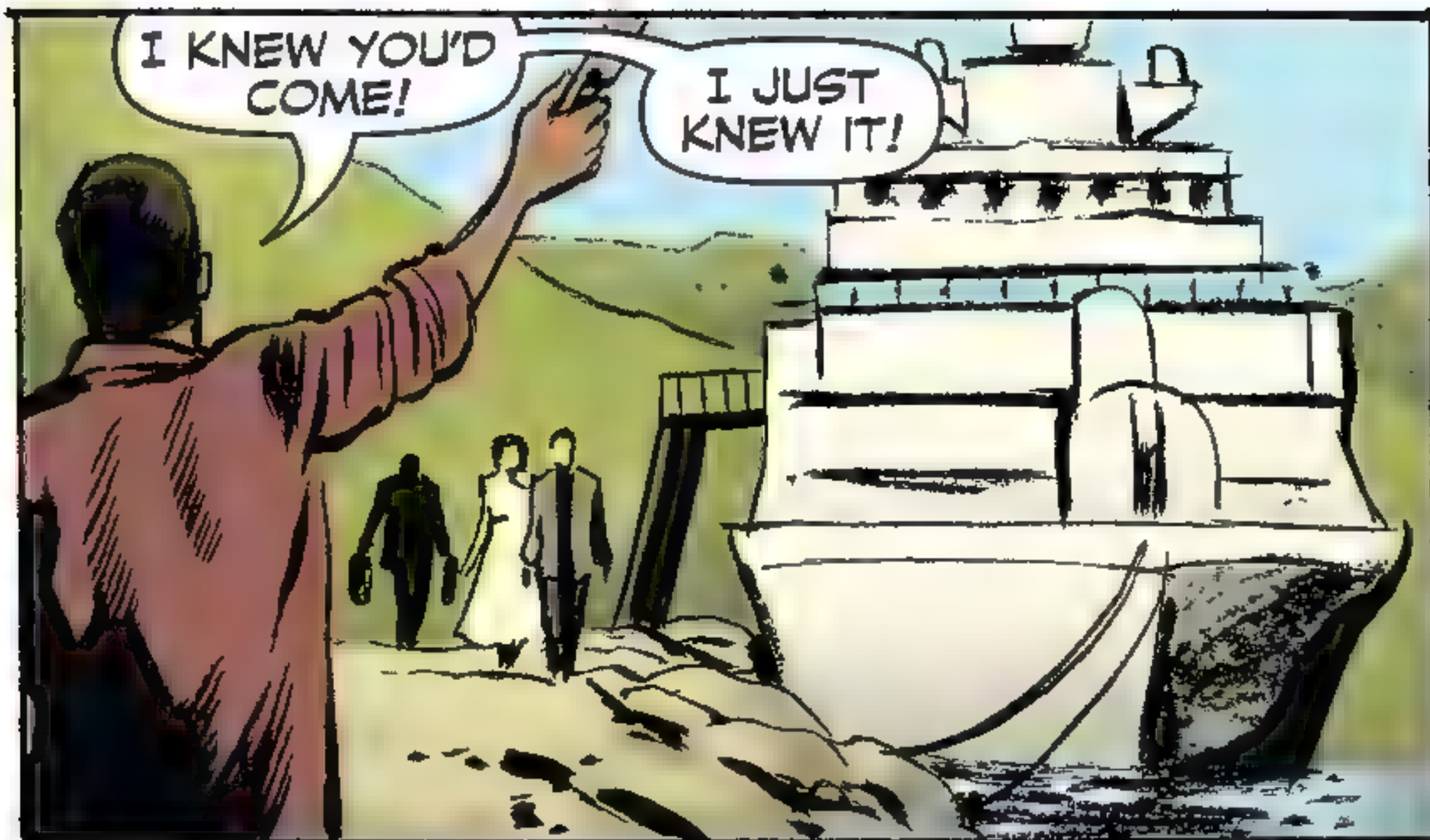
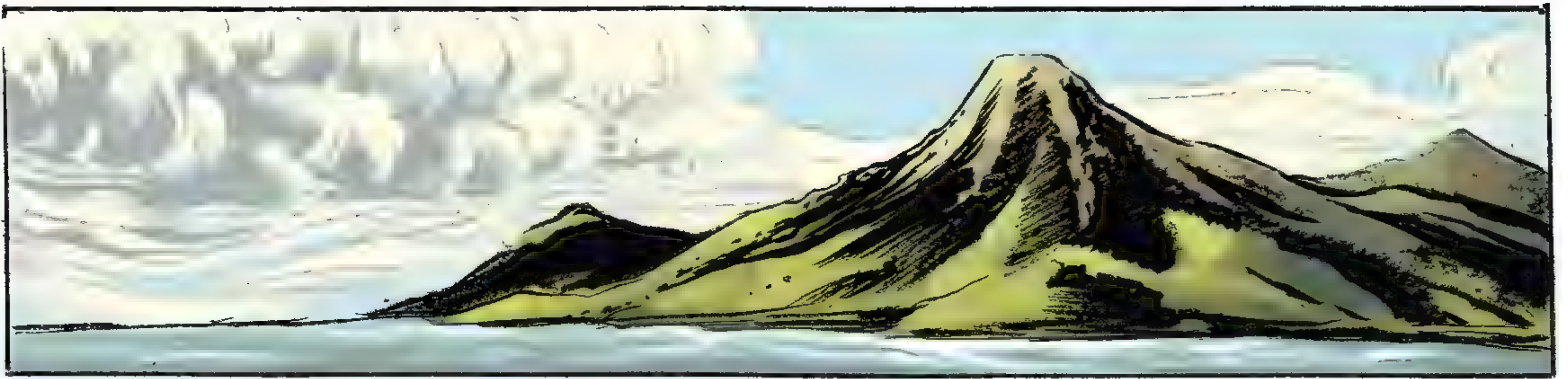














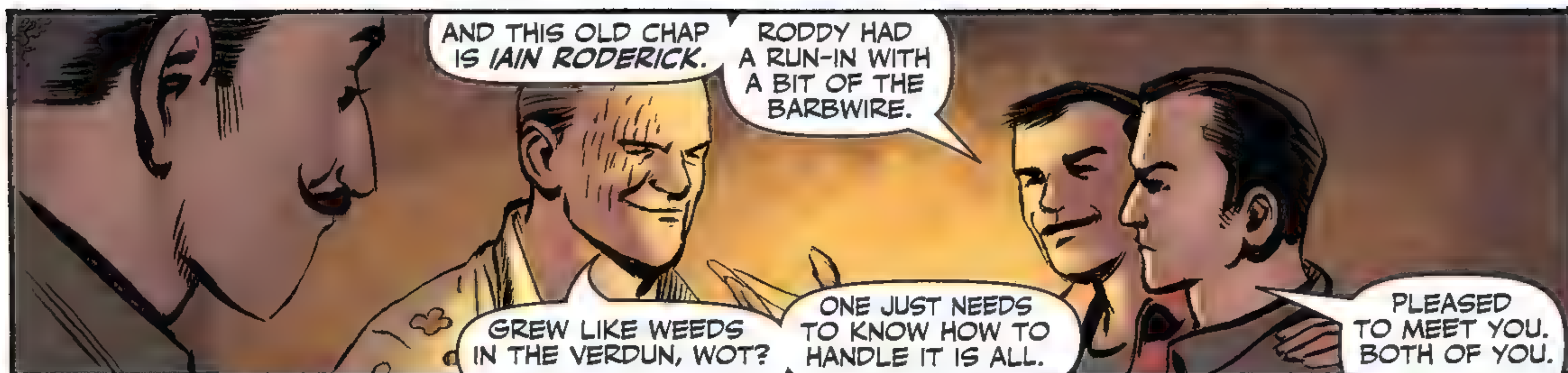


KENT ALLARD.

KENT, THIS IS *ETIENNE LAPORTE*.

ETIENNE SUFFERED A BIT FROM THE MUSTARD GAS FRITZ LOBBED AT US.

IT CHANGED MY LIFE, AS THEY SAY...



AND THIS OLD CHAP IS *IAIN RODERICK*.

RODDY HAD A RUN-IN WITH A BIT OF THE BARBWIRE.

GREW LIKE WEEDS IN THE VERDUN, WOT?

ONE JUST NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT IS ALL.

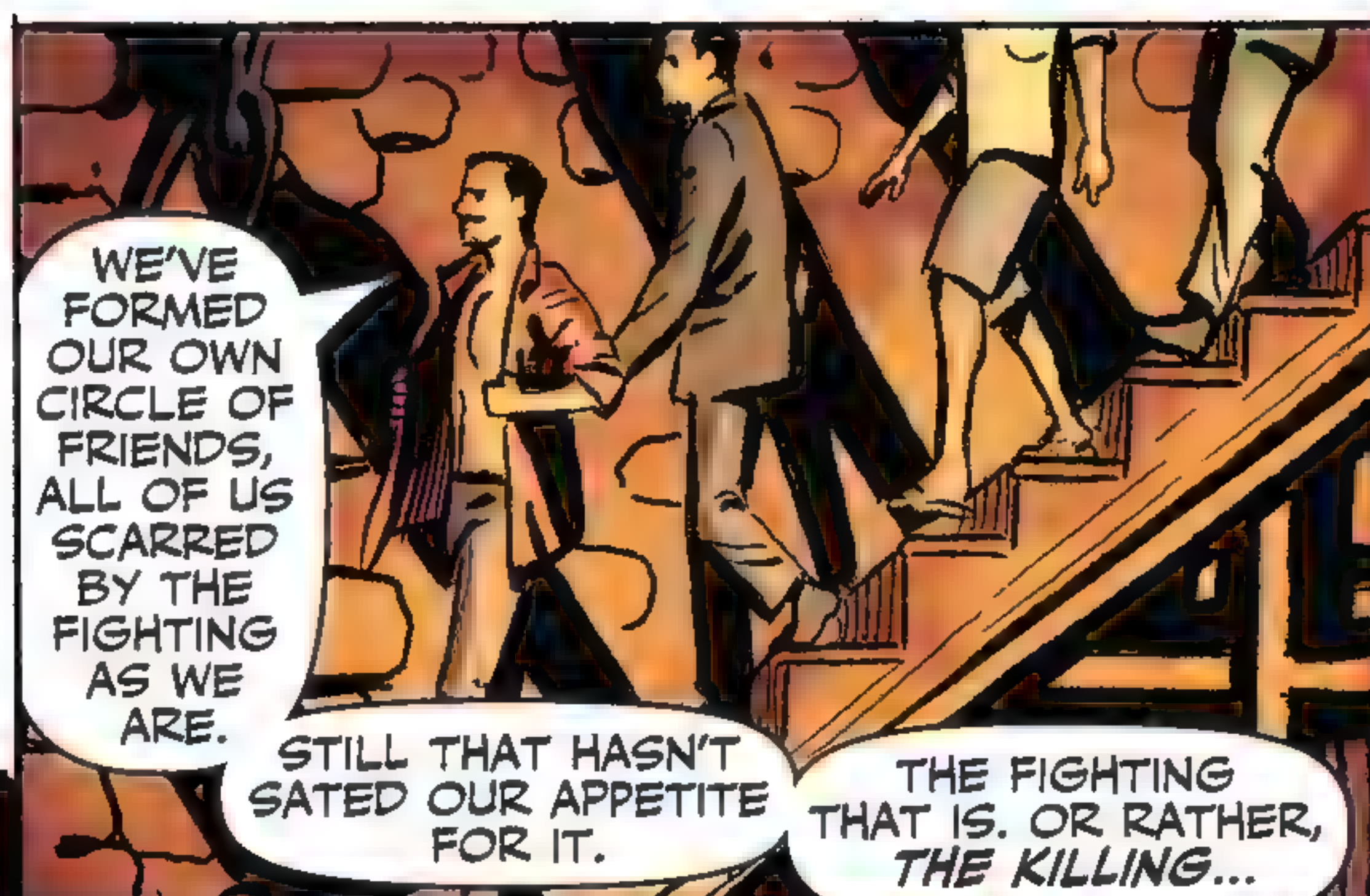
PLEASUED TO MEET YOU. BOTH OF YOU.



WE ARE ALL OF US VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR.

KENT, WOULD YOU INDULGE US?

THERE'S SOMETHING THIS SMALL SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU...



WE'VE FORMED OUR OWN CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, ALL OF US SCARRED BY THE FIGHTING AS WE ARE.

STILL THAT HASN'T SATIATED OUR APPETITE FOR IT.

THE FIGHTING THAT IS. OR RATHER, THE KILLING...



GRIFFIN, WHAT IS THIS?

KENT-OR SHOULD I CALL YOU *LAMONT CRANSTON*? THAT IS THE NAME YOU'VE CHOSEN FOR YOURSELF IN YOUR GLORIOUS REBIRTH FROM SIN?

WE'VE HEARD SUCH STORIES ABOUT YOU, AND WE THINK YOU WOULD MAKE OUR MAGICAL TRIO AN EVEN MORE POTENT QUARTET.

YOU JUST HAVE TO MAKE A LITTLE TRADE TO SECURE MEMBERSHIP-









I SAW THE PATH  
TO DARKNESS...



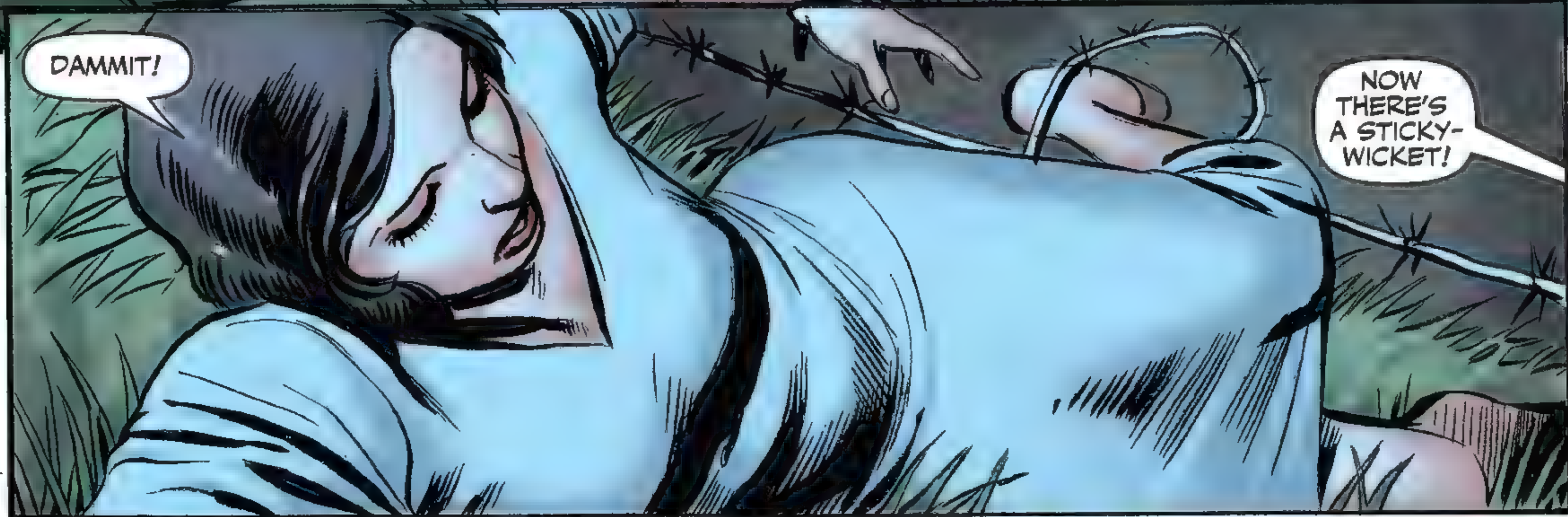
BUT I TURNED AWAY  
JUST IN TIME.



AND I HELP OTHERS  
TO SEE THE FOLLY IN  
THEIR WAYS. SOMETIMES  
I AM SUCCESSFUL...



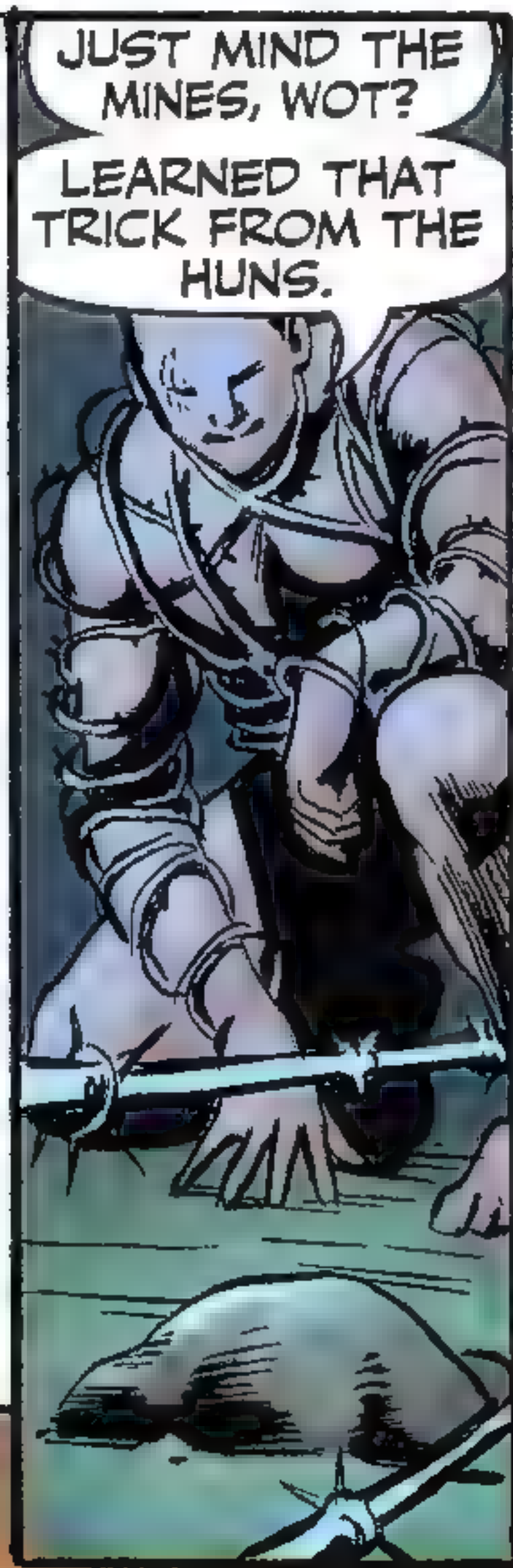
OTHER TIMES NOT.



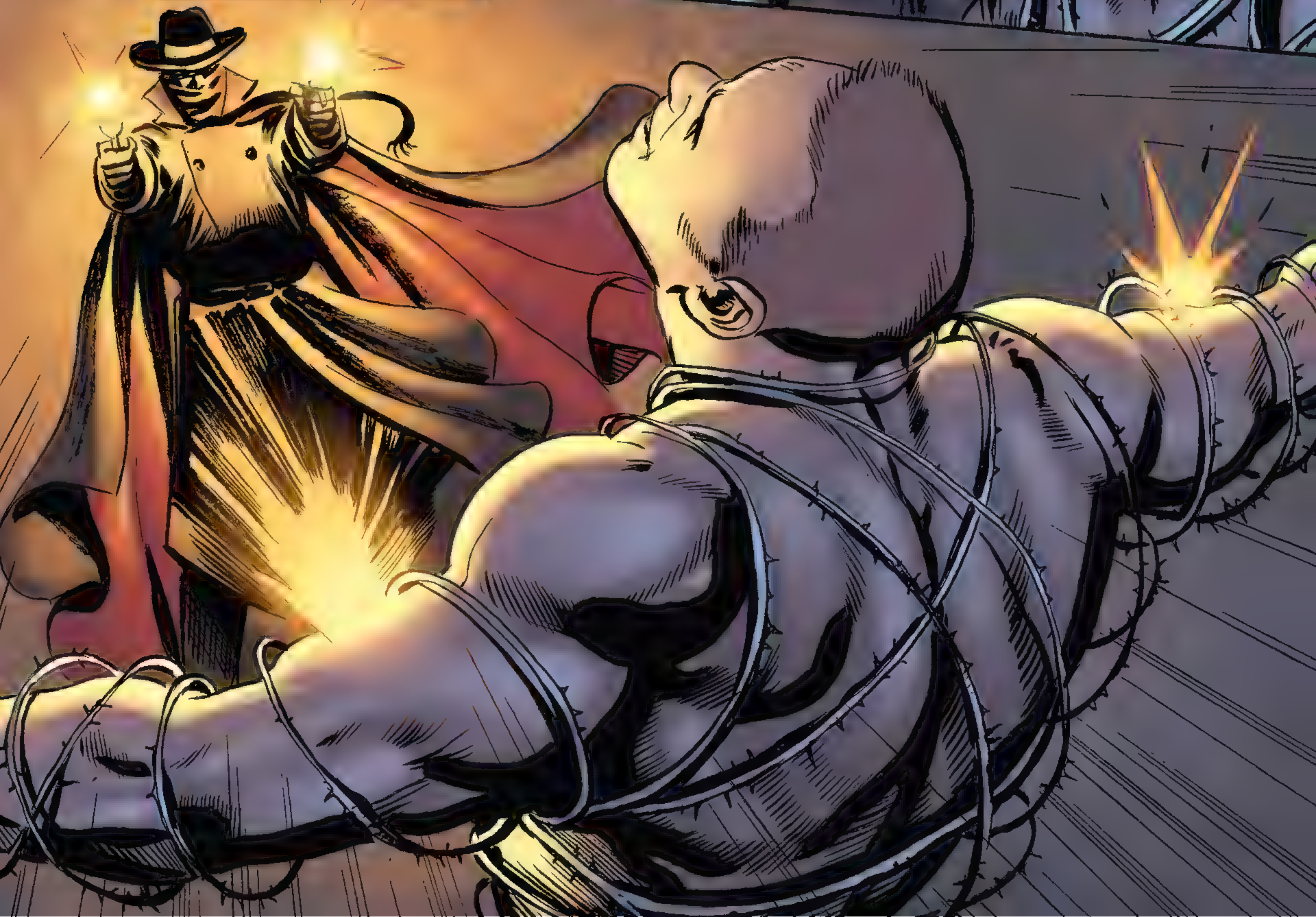
DAMMIT!

NOW  
THERE'S  
A STICKY-  
WICKET!

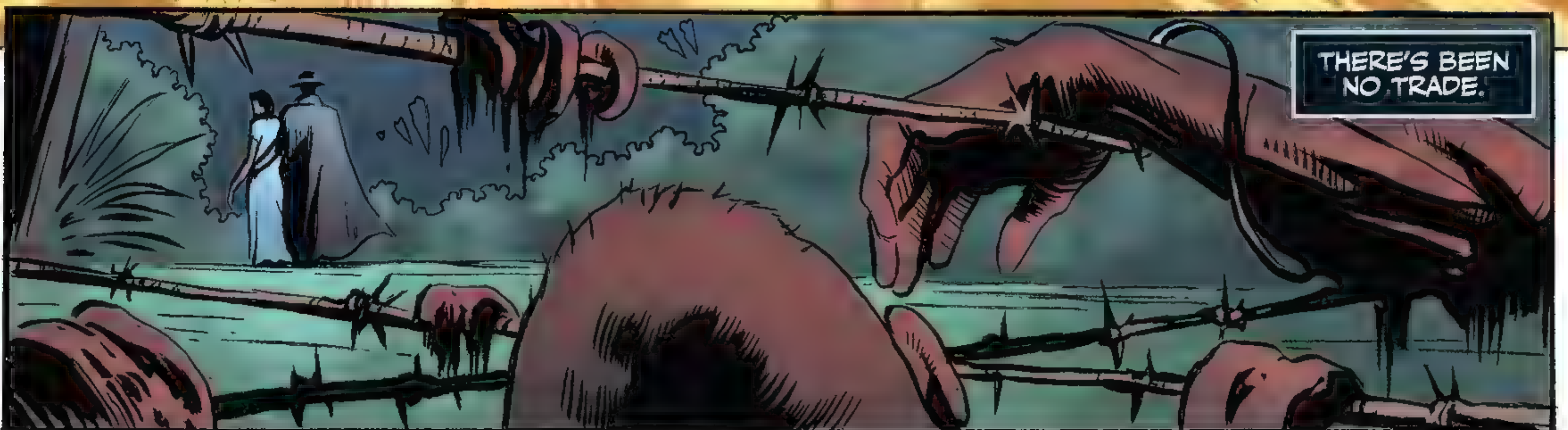
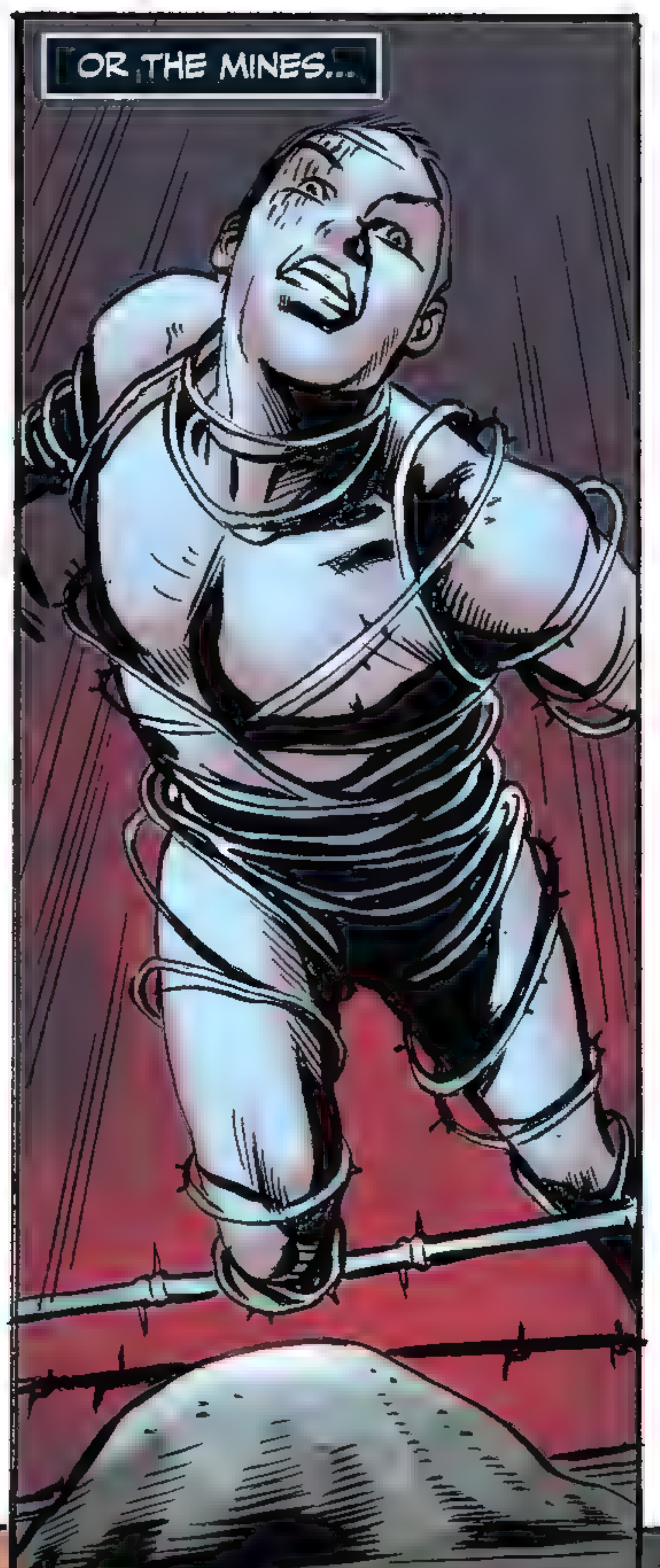
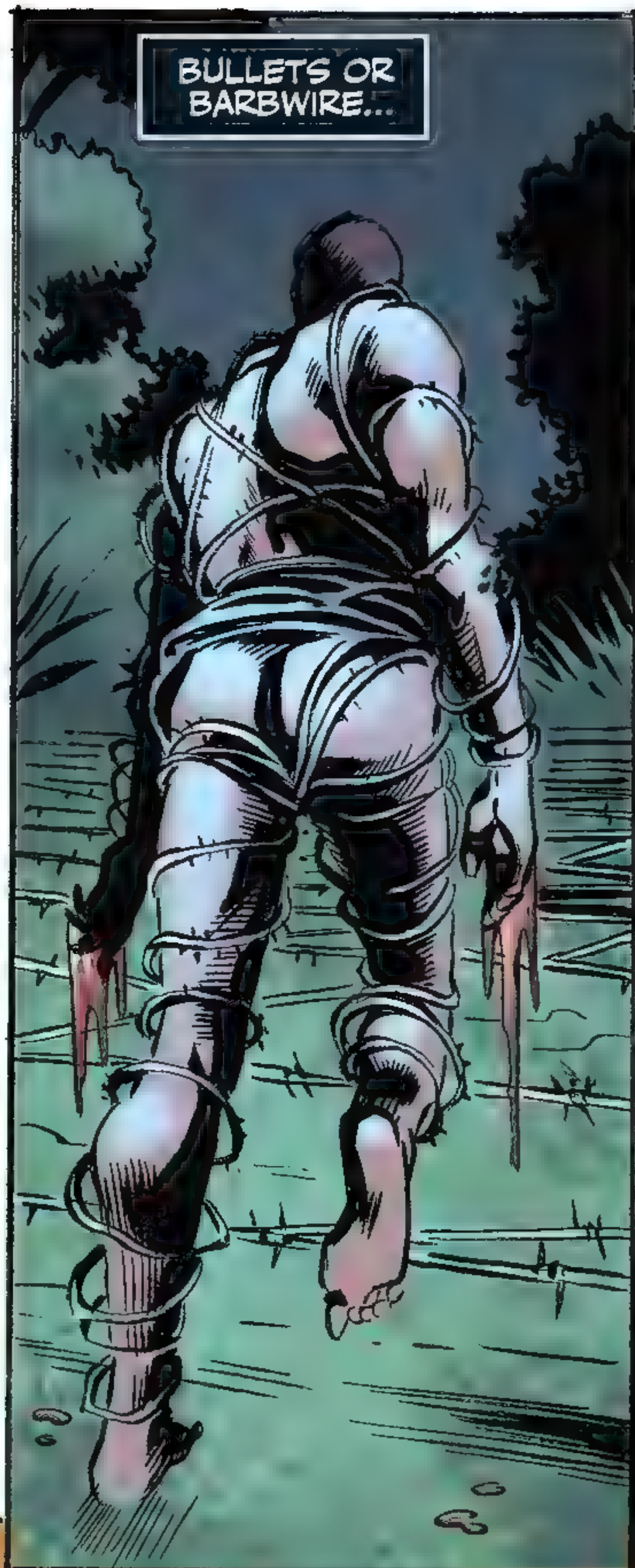
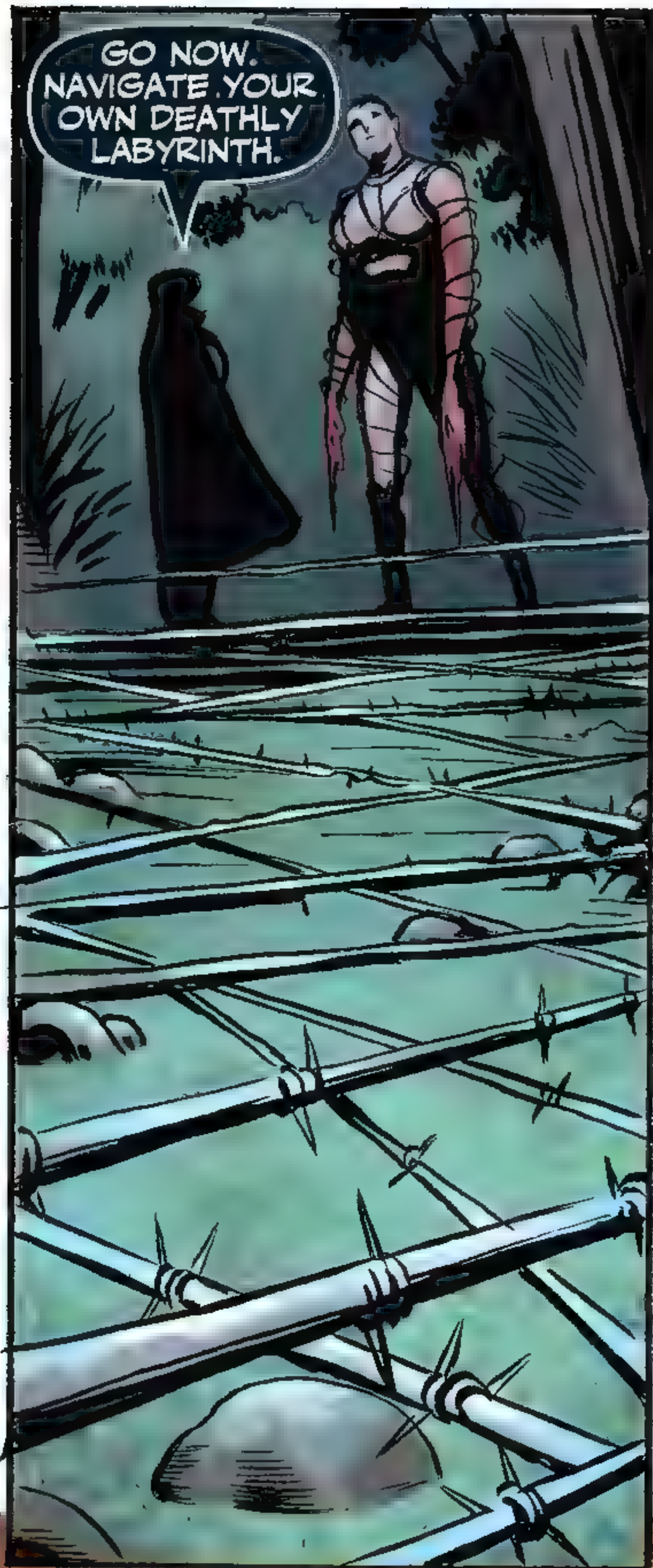




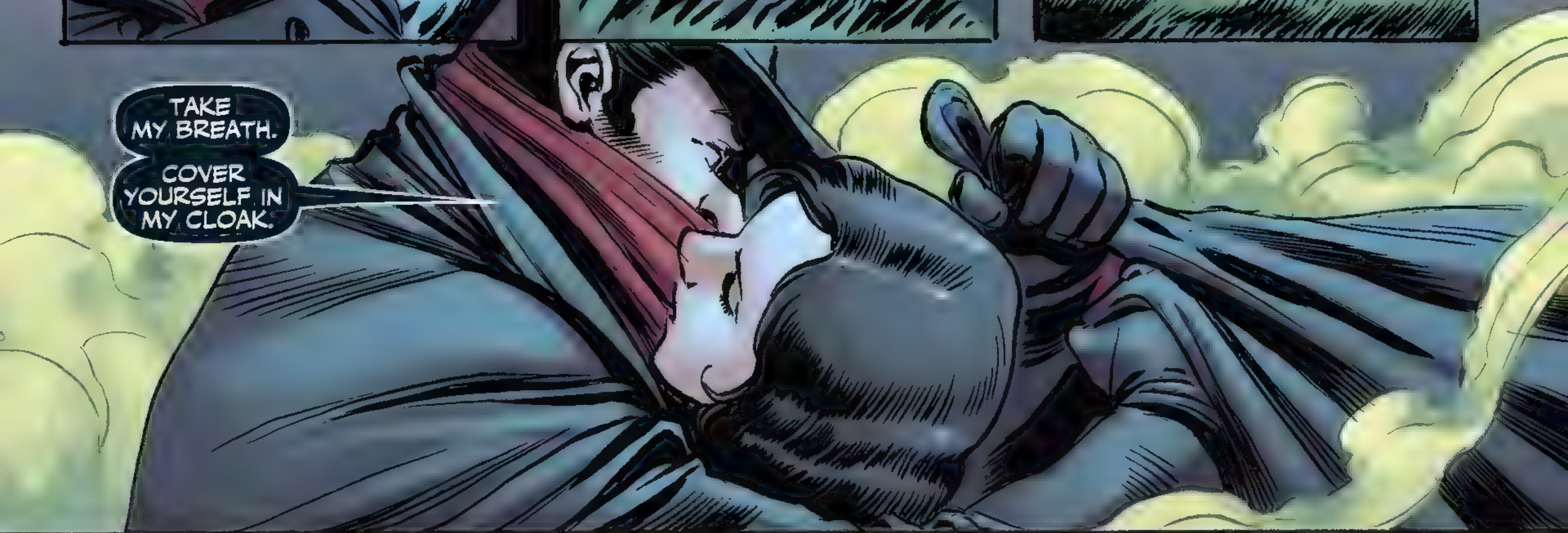
AND THE SHADOW KNOWS WHAT TO DO WITH SUCH ILK...



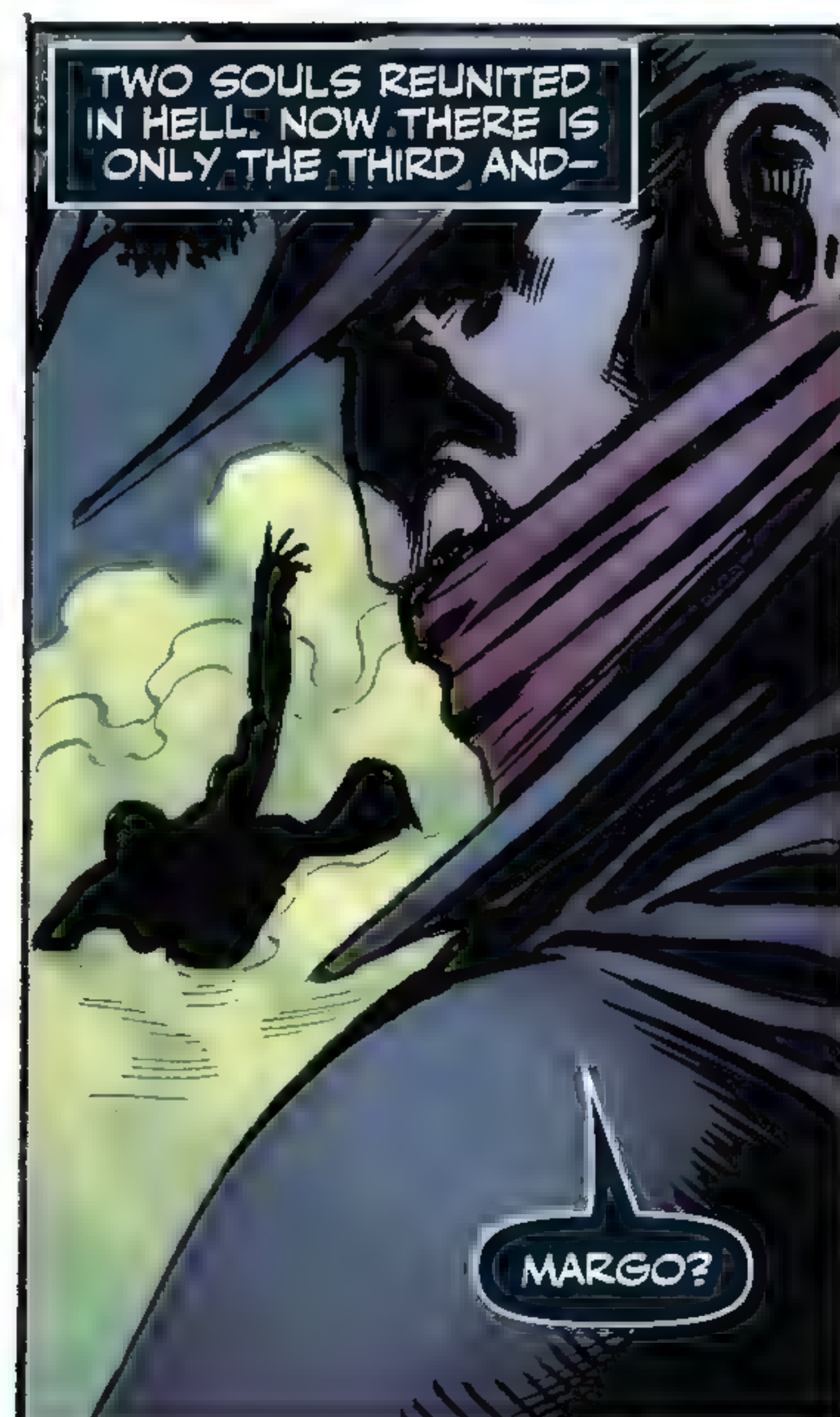
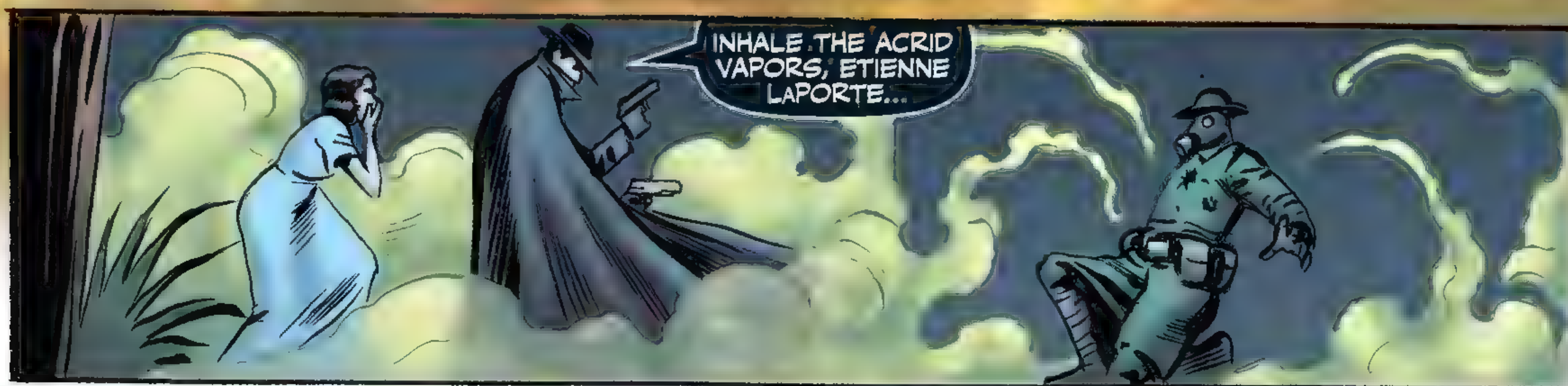








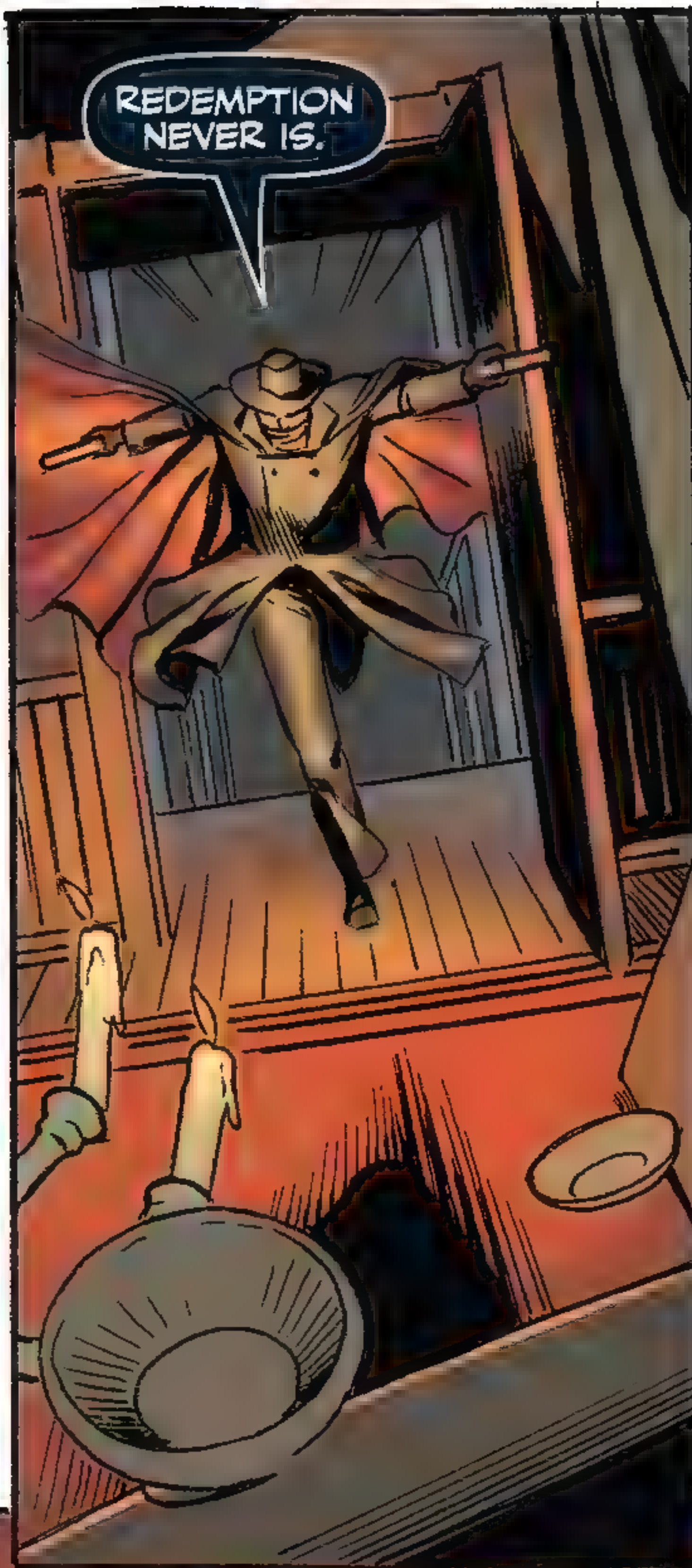








SHE NEVER MAKES IT EASY...



REDEMPTION  
NEVER IS.



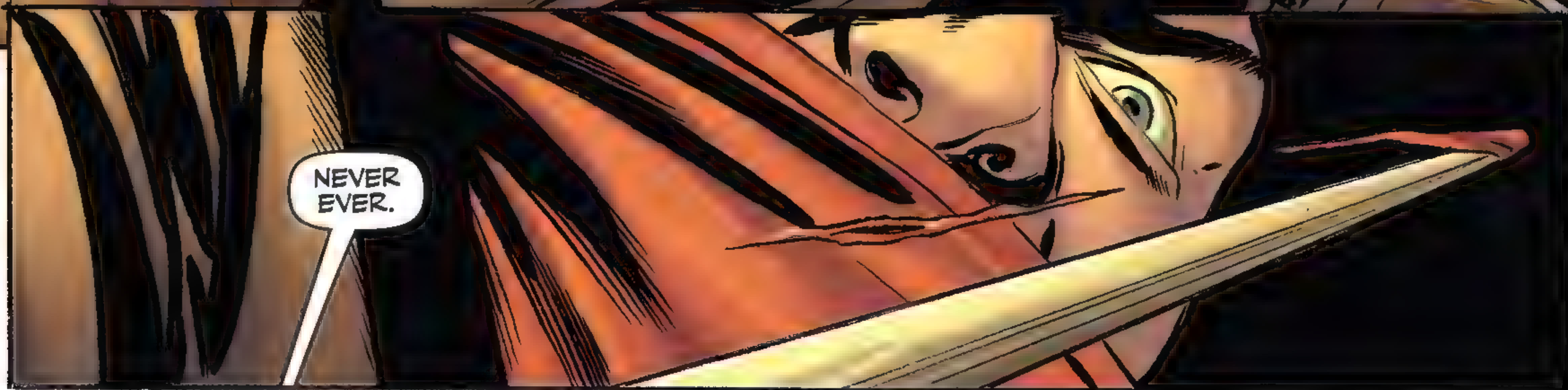
AND HER  
FUTURE ISN'T  
SO CLEAR EITHER,  
NOW IS IT?



I'VE  
HEARD SUCH  
STORIES!

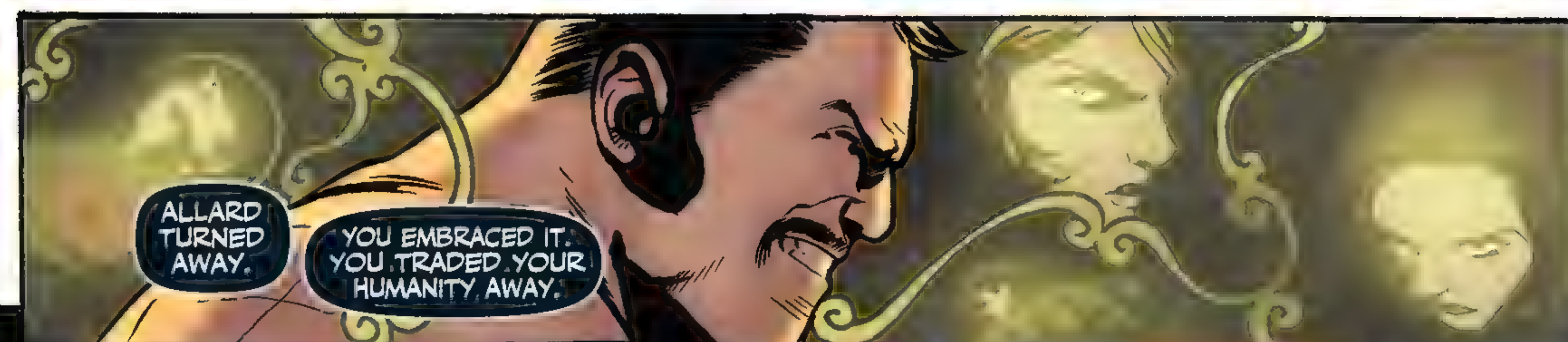
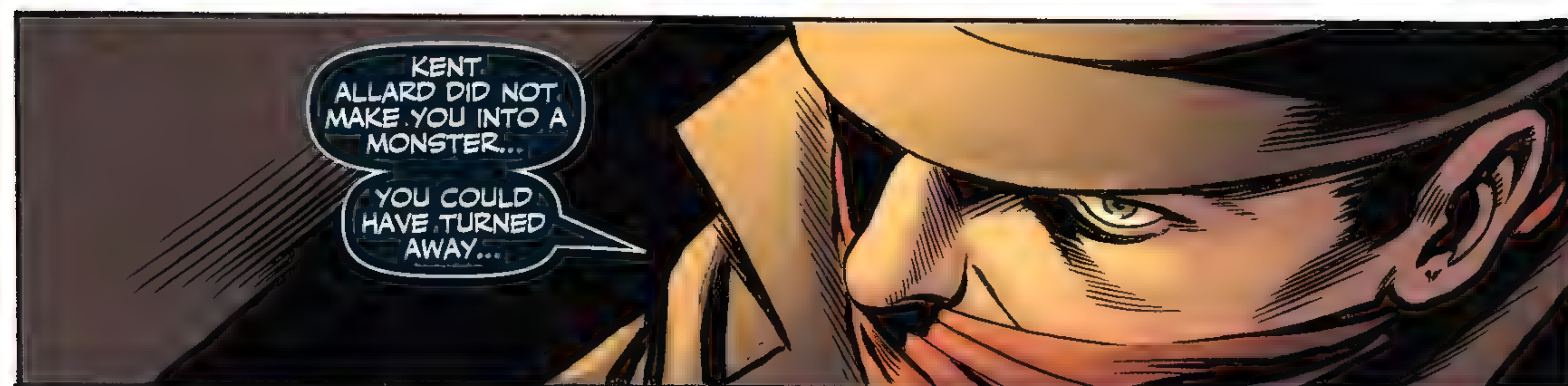
BLAZING  
GUNS THAT  
NEVER  
RUN OUT OF  
BULLETS!

A SHADOW  
THAT CAN NEVER  
BE CAUGHT!

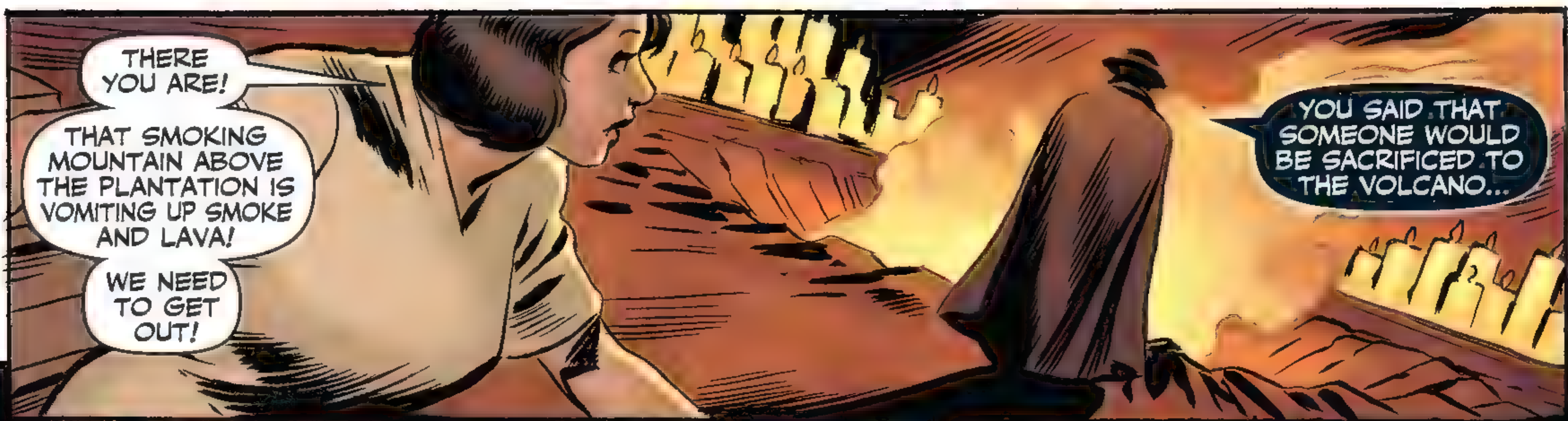


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EVER.









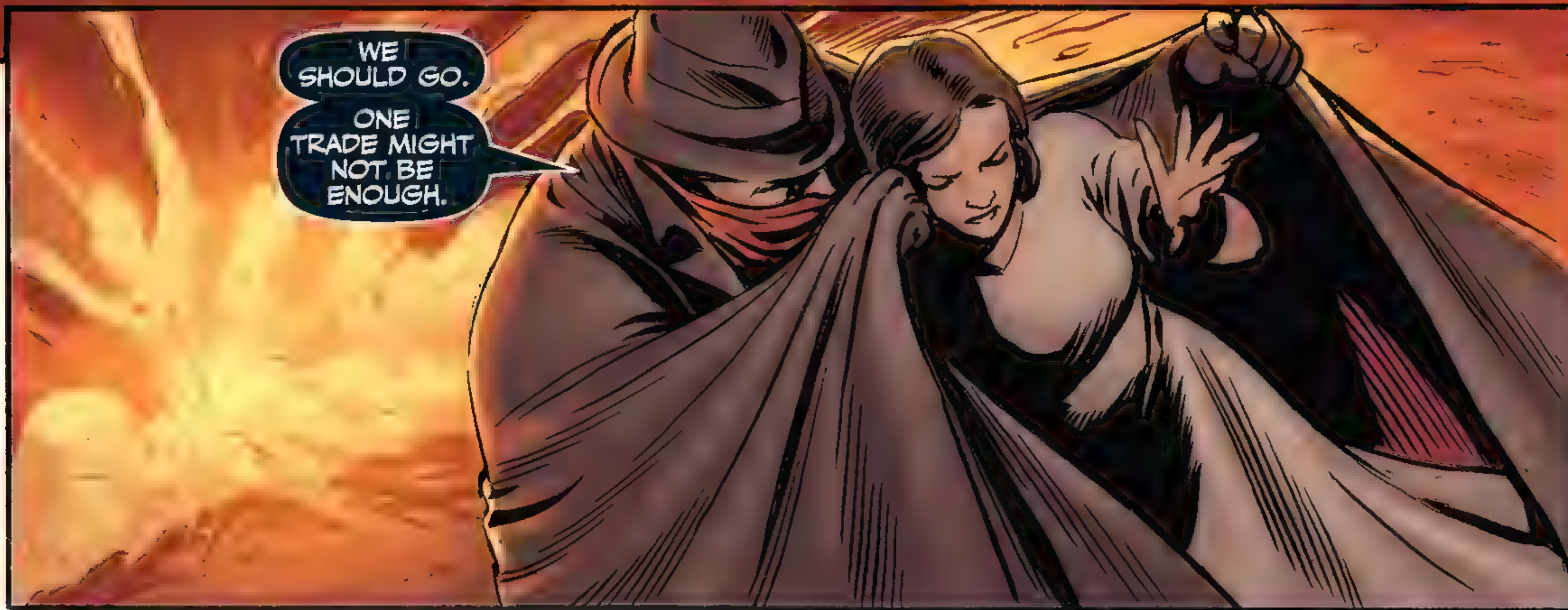
THERE  
YOU ARE!

THAT SMOKING  
MOUNTAIN ABOVE  
THE PLANTATION IS  
VOMITING UP SMOKE  
AND LAVA!

WE NEED  
TO GET  
OUT!

YOU SAID THAT  
SOMEONE WOULD  
BE SACRIFICED TO  
THE VOLCANO...

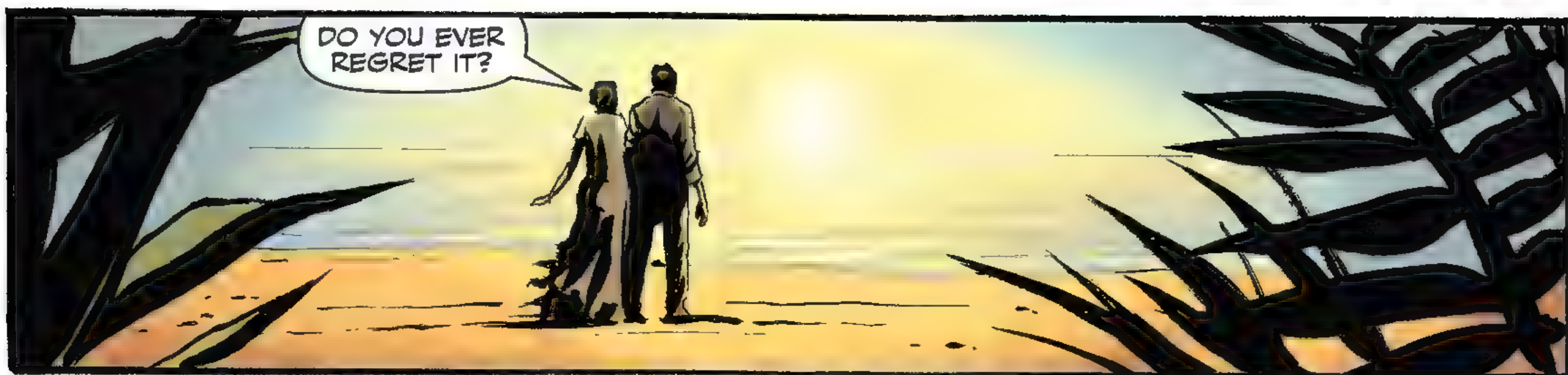
AND  
YOU WERE  
RIGHT.



WE  
SHOULD GO.

ONE  
TRADE MIGHT  
NOT BE  
ENOUGH.



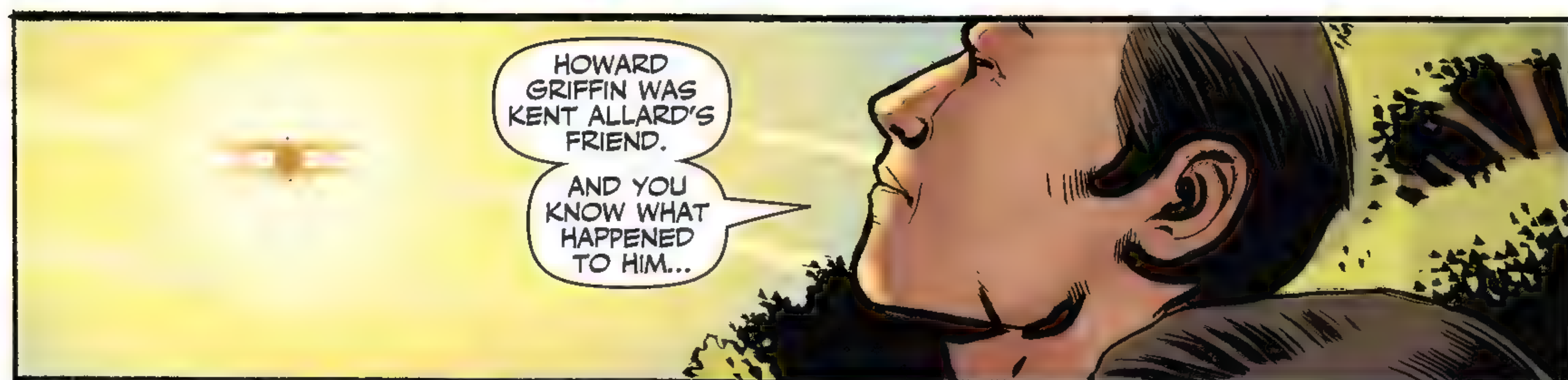


DO YOU EVER  
REGRET IT?



NEVER.  
THE  
GUILTY HAVE NO  
REGRETS.

NOT  
EVEN WHEN  
YOU JUDGE A  
FRIEND?

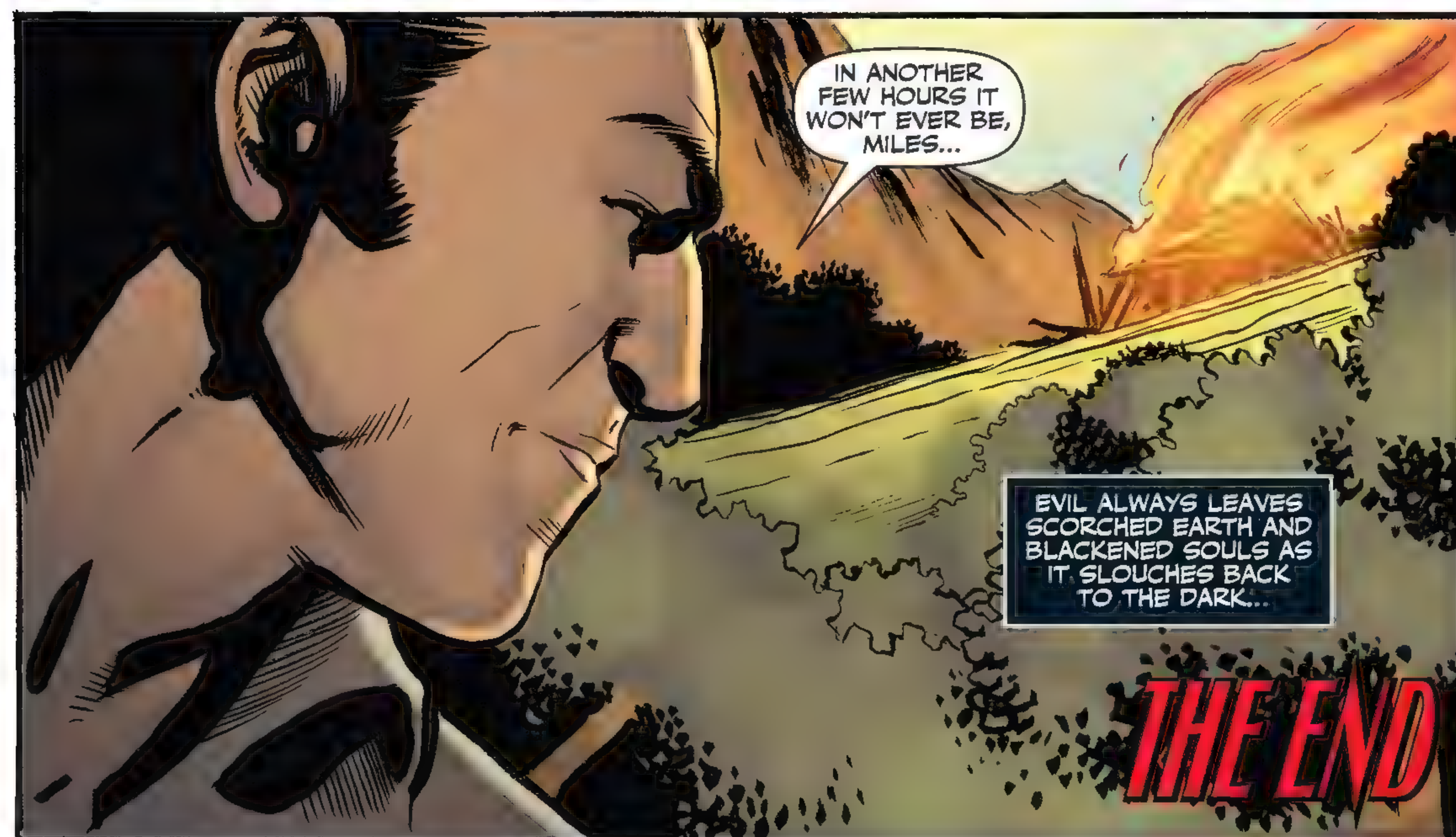


HOWARD  
GRIFFIN WAS  
KENT ALLARD'S  
FRIEND.

AND YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO HIM...



Y'KNOW, THIS  
BLOODY ATOLL  
ISN'T ON ANY OF  
THE CHARTS...



IN ANOTHER  
FEW HOURS IT  
WON'T EVER BE,  
MILES...

EVIL ALWAYS LEAVES  
SCORCHED EARTH AND  
BLACKENED SOULS AS  
IT SLOUCHES BACK  
TO THE DARK...

**THE END**



# DYNAMITE®

## IN THE NEWS - DEC. 2012

### DYNAMITE AT NEW YORK COMIC CON

New York Comic Con 2012 has come and gone and we had quite a few announcements to share. 15 announcements in total, and they were all well received. Here's a look at a few! Visit us online to see them all!

### RICK REMENDER, THE HOTTEST WRITER IN COMICS, WRITES DEVOLUTION WITH ACCLAIMED ARTIST PAUL RENAUD!

Hot on the heels of the biggest series launch of his career with Uncanny Avengers from Marvel, Rick Remender's Devolution series is a must-read for all of his fans. Coupled with the breathtaking art of Paul Renaud, Devolution promises to be one of the most unique and innovative comics to be on the stands!

"DEVOLUTION is a return to the pulp/grind-house science fiction I built my career on, starting with FEAR AGENT (and that's also infused VENOM, SECRET AVENGERS, and UNCANNY X-FORCE)," says writer Rick Remender. "I came up with DEVOLUTION around the same time as FEAR AGENT and it's been percolating for years. It's incredibly fulfilling finally to be able to dive in with super talent Paul Renaud. He's a tremendously gifted and intelligent collaborator. I wouldn't have done the series without Paul and I appreciate Nick and Dynamite being so patient while we waited for the planets-and schedules to align and make this project possible. Joining us will be my FEAR AGENT colorist Lee Loughridge and letterer Rus Wooton, longtime friends and collaborators who I respect and trust. I'm also blown away by the artists Nick has lined up for the covers as well, ranging, in alphabetical order, from Jae Lee to Alex Ross to Ryan Sook: The series will be loaded with A-list talent. We've got a very exciting story to tell with a heavy dose of high-octane action, character drama, a world of strange reverse mutations, and social commentary as we follow the last tribe of humans inoculated from the devolution agent as they set out on a desperate journey to try to find a way to re-evolve life on Earth."

### MARK WAID TO WRITE GREEN HORNET IN 2013!

Multiple Eisner and Harvey Award winning writer Mark Waid will be relaunching the Green Hornet in 2013. Green Hornet will also feature covers by Mark Waid's Eisner and Harvey Award winning Daredevil artist, Paolo Rivera!

"It should come as little surprise that I have an affinity for all costumed crimefighters no matter if their adventures are 'period pieces' or not--heroism is heroism regardless of whatever year's on the calendar," says writer Mark Waid. "With this Green Hornet project, which I've been percolating on for more than ten years, I'm able to meld my love of the Hornet's legacy with a little bit of Citizen Kane and a lot of Lawrence of Arabia to tell a story never before told--the dark years of the Hornet's later career and the one mistake he makes that nearly costs him everything."

### DYNAMITE LAUNCHES NEW CRIME LINE WITH RED TEAM BY GARTH ENNIS!

Garth Ennis will write a new series, Red Team - the first in a series of books of a new crime books from Dynamite Entertainment. Joining Garth is Dynamite up-and-coming artist Craig Cermak.

Red Team is the story of a Major Crimes task force unit in the NYPD, four of New York's finest- and smartest- who decide to murder a suspect. Very soon, the worst possible thing that could possibly happen... happens. And that's just episode one. Seven issues of hard-core crime drama in the tradition of The Wire and The Shield.

### DYNAMITE SIGNS ANDY DIGGLE!

Hot off of his Marvel exclusive contract, Andy Diggle is set to write his next series at Dynamite as part of our new line of crime comics!

"It's not every day that a publisher offers you the chance to create a whole new world from scratch, and I'm having fun cooking up something dark, funny, violent and twisted for Dynamite," says writer Andy Diggle. "Hard-hitting genre fiction with a twist, for readers who don't like having their intelligence insulted. The kind of comic I want to read myself. So there's really just one question - are you in or are you out?"

### ABNETT AND LANNING TO WRITE BATTLESTAR GALACTICA!

Dynamite announces the renewal of the classic 1978 Battlestar Galactica license with NBCUniversal, as the acclaimed writing duo of Dan Abnett and Andy Lanning sign on to write an epic Battlestar Galactica series for Dynamite Entertainment in 2013!

"I'm really looking forward to working with Dynamite on this Battlestar Galactica project," says writer Dan Abnett. "I've been a fan of Battlestar Galactica since I was a kid, and it's going to be great for Andy and I to get our cosmically-honed teeth into such a long-standing and beloved science fiction franchise."

"Growing up in the seventies, I was hooked on sci-fi," adds writer Andy Lanning. "As a kid I couldn't get enough of it and grew up watching TV shows like 'Lost in Space,' 'Doctor Who,' 'Space 1999' and 'Land of the Giants' and reading comics in the UK like 'Action' and '2000 A.D.' as well as all the Marvel and DC titles I could hunt down. Star Wars took things to a new high and in its wake there followed a flood of sci-fi entertainment that I lapped up. The original series of Battlestar Galactica was like catnip to my younger self; more than filling my rabid craving for spaceships, laser weapons, robots and alien invasions! It had cool characters, snappy dialogue, creepy alien cyborgs, awesome space battles with fantastic special effects (it was 1978, cut me some slack) and a totally cute robot dog! So, imagine the thrill and excitement to be given the chance to develop something in the Battlestar Galactica universe: to get to play with characters and concepts that I've grown up with, that are such a part of my formative years. With this new series from Dynamite, Dan and I are hoping we can add to the established canon of continuity with our own take on the classic series. I know my inner 14 year old is squealing with delight at this opportunity. I'm still holding out hope that one day I'll get my own Daggit too!" - Andy Lanning

"With the 35th anniversary of the 1978 Battlestar Galactica series just around the corner, we are incredibly excited to be working with our friends at Dynamite again to explore the further adventures of the classic Galactica crew," said Chris Lucero, Director of Licensing for NBCUniversal Television Consumer Products. "And as a life-long comics fan, having Dan and Andy bring their intergalactic expertise to the Battlestar Galactica Universe is a huge privilege, too."

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### TOM SNEGOSKI RETURNS TO VAMPIRELLA WITH VAMPIRELLA STRIKES IN JANUARY 2013!

Fan-favorite Vampirella writer Tom Sniegoski returns with all new series - Vampirella Strikes! Tom is one of the most successful fan favorite writers coming back to Vampirella, having previously written multiple Vampirella series including the long running Vengeance of Vampirella #1- #25. Vampirella Strikes #1 features covers by the late, great Michael Turner, all-star artist David Finch, as well as Milo Manara, and a cover by series artist Johnny D.! And, for the first time, Dynamite is offering each cover as its own item to allow fans and retailers to order their favorite cover!

Also available is the Vampirella Strikes #1 Subscription Special Limited Edition Photo Cover! Limited to initial orders only, this is for the comic fans who subscribe with their local retailer and only available as a limited edition subscription order.

In Vampirella Strikes #1, fearful that her monstrous nature is taking control, Vampirella takes solace in some extreme violence, and conversation, all topped off with a nice glass of Merlot, in a Boston tavern overrun by the demonic in the first part of this six issue story. Living in a world of growing supernatural threats, Vampirella never knows what she will be facing from one moment to the next, but what she finds waiting for her in her Boston Brownstone when she returns from a night of hunting is the most unexpected of all: Angels of Heaven sent by God... and they want Vampirella to work for them.

"They say you can't go home again... or write sexy vampiric characters who kick major ass that you started your comics career with-so you can guess my trepidation when asked by Nick Barrucci, President of Dynamite Comics, to write Vampirella again," says writer Tom Sniegoski. "But, you know what? It wasn't so hard. I think I might've missed her. For my first Vampirella Strikes storyline (On the Side of Angels), I'm taking our heroine to a place she's never really been before. Sure, Vampirella has done battle with all kinds of monsters, beasts and demons of various shapes and sizes, but I wanted to take her out of her element- I wanted to push her into a world commonly believed to be one of light, and goodness, and show her that there is darkness there as well."

### A BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH TOM SNEGOSKI ORIGINALLY POSTED ON BROKENFRONTIER.COM BY RICHARD BOOM

BROKEN FRONTIER: It has been some years since last you wrote Vampirella. What have you been up to all this time?

TOM SNEGOSKI: Still doing the comic book thing here and there, but primarily I've been writing books. Since writing my last Vampirella comic, I've written over thirty novels including The New York Times bestselling Fallen series for Simon & Schuster, and the Remy Chandler series for Penguin, Roc. I'm also writing the original Bone novels, with Jeff Smith, over at Scholastic Books.

BF: As said, it has been some time since your last Vampirella. How has the character changed throughout the years for you?

SNEGOSKI: Y'know, to me Vampirella is like a nice, warm sweater. She's very familiar, and comfortable for me as a writer. At first I was a little scared that I wouldn't remember how to write her, but as soon as I started, I just slipped into the groove. She's like a great, old friend that you haven't talked to in years, but then you get on the phone with, and it's like you just spoke yesterday. Does that make sense?

BF: So now we have Vampirella in a new era. How will you be handling her in this new series?

SNEGOSKI: I think that the reason Nick Barrucci, at Dynamite, asked me to write the character again is for me to try to bring back some of the style, and characterization that made my original run on the series for Harris Comics so special. She's the same Vampirella that everybody loves, but injected into an environment that we've never really seen her in before.

BF: Since this series bears the same name as during the Harris era, does that mean you have more similarities working for you?

SNEGOSKI: I think the similarities are more in the style in which she's being written. This is the Vampirella who's a real badass, but at the same time, is maybe a little bit afraid of what she truly is, and what's she capable of if she loses control—a Vampirella that is still attempting to understand, and come to grips with her true nature.

BF: How long have you planned this series for?

SNEGOSKI: This particular story runs for six issues, but I could see it very easily spinning off into multiple story arcs in the future.

BF: Can you tell me some more about the artistic team you will be working with?

SNEGOSKI: Let's just say Johnny D's art is something special to behold. When Nick Barrucci first started sending pages over to me, I was blown away. He's everything that you're looking for in a Vampirella artist, and then some. People are really going to like what he's doing.

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#### Enjoy the following preview of VAMPIRELLA STRIKES #1

Written by TOM SNEGOSKI

Art by JOHNNY DESJARDINS

Letters by MARSHALL DILLON

Colors by ADRIANO LUCAS


Featuring a never-before-printed cover by MICHAEL TURNER

Variant covers by DAVID FINCH, MILO MANARA


& JOHNNY DESJARDINS

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YOU MAY FIND THIS  
HARD TO BELIEVE...



BUT SOMETIMES  
I SCARE MYSELF.



SOMETIMES I  
STAND BACK AND  
TAKE A GOOD  
LONG LOOK AT  
WHO I AM...





...AND WHAT  
I'VE DONE...



...WHAT I  
CONTINUE  
TO DO.



AND SOME  
DAYS, WHAT I  
SEE THERE...



IT REALLY  
FRIGHTENS ME.







I KNOW  
THAT PROBABLY  
SOUNDS KIND  
OF SILLY...



ESPECIALLY  
AFTER WHAT  
YOU'VE SEEN.



I...  
I DON'T...



WHAT'S  
THAT NIETZSCHE  
QUOTE?





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WITH MONSTERS,  
LEST YE BECOME  
A MONSTER."

STEVE'S  
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